



Divine division or tribal sin?

Najwa Najjar in the first of three articles explores the problems that face married couples of different religions

AMMAN — The last scene in Romeo and Juliet's love story is well known: Two people in love, unable to fulfill their wish of getting married because of family feud, resort to killing themselves, choosing to unite in death rather than live apart.

Although nowadays we do not often hear of people killing themselves in the name of love, we do witness frequent abductions, elopements, secret marriages and broken hearts because two people in love are being forced apart because of different affiliations, especially because of different religions.

According to several sociologists, psychologists and clerics interviewed by the Jordan Times, such pains could be avoided if the essence of religion and the reasons behind confessionality are fully explored and understood.

They attribute the existence of confessionality to the political systems in the region which discourage integration. Religion, they believe, is used as a tool to fulfill political ambitions. However,

if both dominant faiths in the region, Islam and Christianity, were devoted into such differences, these would cease to exist.

Feminists and lawyers interviewed stated that they believe the differences are reinforced by the laws in the Arab World and of the Arab World being a "man's world." Laws governing marriage, which are based in religion, work to the advantage of men, they contend.

However, the general consensus reached was that mixed marriages were on the rise. It was agreed that mixed marriage would be especially difficult if one or the other partner was very religious.

These factors helped many prospect partners, who spoke to the Jordan Times, "in making their decision." In making some of the apprehension and problems they faced. Married couples from different religions spoke about experiences and problems which had nothing to do with religion.

Those who did take the step and "dared to be different" were

described by sociologists as "inner" rather than "traditional" oriented. Breaking social laws is not considered to be an easy task by any of those interviewed, but in many cases, it is seen as essential to the individual's happiness and needs.

To withstand society's pressures needs awareness on both partners' sides and within the families. Once the parents acquiesce, then societal pressure loses its importance. Sociologists believe that if such a trend continues then integration will be possible.

Subjecting personal matters to civil rather than religious law was suggested by one lawyer. According to her civil marriage would solve several of the problems that face persons of different faiths who wish to wed.

All the way together

Muslim and Christian children in the Arab World grow up, play together, go to school and university together as Arabs and not as people of different faiths. They share secrets, hopes, ambitions and dreams. When they have to stand up to an enemy they will join hands and weapons for the sake of the nation, the lawyer said.

But, when it comes to marriage, suddenly the two religions

become two different "peoples." Marriage outside the "accepted" circles causes societal problems for the families.

Throughout history the Arab World has been home to several different ethnic and religious groups. During a recent visit to Jordan, a prominent University of Paris professor of political sociology, Dr. Barham Ghalioun told the Jordan Times that "confessionality is not part of the Arab World's historical tradition since different groups within the region have always lived together without any problems."

University of Jordan Professor of Sociology Dr. Sari Nasir pointed out that during the "jahiliya" (period immediately before Islam), Christian missionaries came to the Arab peninsula to convert some of the Arabs. "While some Arabs accepted the Christian teachings, religion was always secondary to his being an Arab. In times of war a Muslim ceases to be a Muslim while a Christian ceases to be a Christian," Nasir said.

A businessman, who was Christian before his marriage to his Muslim wife, Haider Abu Jaber, said that the affinity of the Abu Jaber tribe was with the other, mostly Muslim tribes in Salt, Jordan, rather than the Christian community.

However, both Abu Jaber and the professors stated that marriage between the faiths was not a common practice.

Despite the need for co-existence, differences between the ethnic and the religious groups have become exaggerated and accentuated in recent years. The reason behind this phenomena is seen as political by those interviewed.

According to both Ghalioun and American University of Beirut Professor of Arab Literature Ilyas Khoury, who was also recently in Jordan for a visit, the colonialisation of the Arab World created barriers between the different groups in the region when the authority was separated from the people, and was made dependent on the Western world.

Divide and rule

As a result of the complex links between Arab and international powers today, institutions in the region are prevented to work towards the national development of democracy which requires the reconstruction of power, they agreed. A policy of "divide and rule" has been implemented, and minorities and religion are used as tools in the tightly controlled political systems to retain the status quo.

Today the effect is evident when the communities, which are

not part of or linked to the "ruling elite," "pull together" especially when threatening events arise. Some events can evoke the insecurities of minorities, and when the fear becomes more polarised, "we tend to think in terms of 'we' and minority groups tend to protect themselves vis a vis the majority by preventing integration," said Nasir.

To keep the community together, the individual's loyalty to his or her group is strengthened. Ghalioun asserted that feelings of superiority are created within each community over the rest stressing their social status.

"Integration is a threat to the values of this political system. The community must always appear stronger in order not to lose any gains in the state, and integration shows that the internal unity of the community is weak," he said.

Several of those interviewed said that this was precisely why the whole community rejects mixed marriages an individual of a different religion. "The couple would have violated the communities' rules of purity and would threaten a loss of religion and identity," one said.

Although religious bigotry was not named as a main obstacle to mixed marriages, religious groups

have become more closed over the years in order to prevent integration and to preserve their "uniqueness." This has been attributed to the tightly controlled political systems and tensions in the region. Clerics interviewed by the Jordan Times reiterated that marriage to one of a different religion was not so much the issue, their primary concern was keeping "the children within their faiths."

University of Jordan Professor of Sociology Dr. Mohammed Barham asserted that there are no religious reasons why two people of different faiths should not get married. "People do not understand religion in a real sense. Social inhibitions have created obstacles in the 'real' understanding of religious beliefs. Religion provides guidelines to living a good life and dealing with people," he said.

However, most members of different faiths adamantly oppose intermarriage without giving any reason, just saying, "it's our religion and we do not want people who are not of our faith," said Barham.

Clerics were especially concerned about the faith of the offspring. "Will they be Muslims or Christians?"

If the child will be a Muslim then it is acceptable for a Muslim

to marry a Christian, according to the Islamic religion and vis versa for the Christians.

University of Jordan Head of the Sharia Department Ibrahim Zaid Kelani noted that Islam accepts both the Christian and the Jewish faiths, and accepts a Muslim male marrying a non-converted Christian female, but not a Muslim female marrying a non-converted Christian male.

"Since the Christian and Jewish religion do not recognise the Prophet Mohammed and the male is the head of the family and his word goes, then if a Muslim woman marries a non-converted male, then he will not respect her religion," he said. If a Muslim woman does marry a non-converted male, then their marriage is not considered legal in most Islamic countries. According to Islamic Sharia, if Muslim female or male changes religion, he or she become subject to the punishment of death.

According to the Holy Koran a Muslim male can marry a non-converted female, who can practice her religion, however, the children must follow the father and must be brought up as Muslims.

Monsieur Raouf Najjar of the Catholic church said, "as a Christian, a person must stay a Christian because his or her principles are different. We have our own beliefs, which forbid us to go to another religion."

On marriage in the Christian religion, Najjar said, "it is a sacrament, while this is not so in the Muslim religion," therefore a Christian woman's marriage to a Muslim man is not considered legal by the church, even though the Bible does not forbid a Christian from marrying a non-Christian.

However, he says if the following conditions were fulfilled, then the marriage between a Christian and Muslim would be considered legal by the church: "Such a marriage should take place in the Catholic church in front of a priest and a contract must be signed," he said. He explained that the contract allows for both the husband and wife to practice their faiths and adds that the children must be educated in and brought up in the Christian way.

He said that even if mixed marriages were considered legal, "it is practically not feasible" in Jordan because of society's "narrow-mindedness" and consequent "restrictions." "Many Muslim males who married in churches abroad and returned here, had to get married by a sheikh and their children became Muslims," Najjar said. Such a marriage (in the church) has never taken place in Jordan, "usually because no one has the courage to take such a step."

Lawyer Asma Khader asserted that the church has taken these measures to accommodate the changes in society and to preserve its religion. "The reality is that Christians and Muslims are getting married in Jordan, usually by a sheikh since civil marriages are not recognised in the Kingdom and since several churches still do not accept marrying two of different faiths," said Khader.

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Jordan to concentrate on small, medium projects in next phase

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will concentrate on small and medium projects in the next development phase so as to diversify production and increase work opportunities, according to the committee for Finance, Economy and Planning which met Sunday under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

The committee assessed the progress attained so far by the 1986-1990 five year development plan, by comparing the goals set for the first half of the plan and the achievements made so far. It was proven that Jordan's development during the first half of the third five-year plan was satisfactory despite the difficult international and regional economic conditions which are represented in economic recession, drop in Arab aid to Jordan, instability in Arab markets, fluctuation in the prices of foreign currencies, and increase in Third World debts.

The plan was designed to increase the average local income by 4 per cent annually during the first two years of the plan.

The rise was actually 3.1 per cent annually. The national economy succeeded in accomplishing the most important goals set for this period of time, the committee said. This is demonstrated in the drop in consumption and imports, increase in exports, and reduction

in the deficit of trade balance.

On reinforcing joint Arab action, the committee said that Jordanian-Arab efforts were intensified through joint bilateral committees which resulted in a huge increase of trade exchange, economic cooperation, and investment.

The education, transport, energy and water sectors made great contributions in the field of investment, where over JD 500 million were spent on projects in various sectors particularly in the provinces of Mafraq, Tafleeh, Karak and Ma'an.

It was also found that the private sector's investments in the fields of commodities and services dropped and that the achievements did not meet the set goals. The committee stressed the need to increase the interaction of the private sector, through its various institutions, with the development programmes in the various sectors and provinces and reinforce its role in the investment process.

Prince Hassan reviewed the situation of the Jordanian labour market and the structural instability it is suffering from.

It was agreed on the need to change the traditional view toward the concept of employment, and to benefit from the available work opportunities by logically and practically meeting the re-

quirements of the development phase.

This view is commensurate with the practical efforts to develop the educational process and the administrative development.

The committee also discussed the major economic policies which are directly related to investment, and to reinforcing the suitable atmosphere for local, Arab and foreign investment in the Kingdom in light of the prevailing political, psychological, and economic stability.

These policies are designed to provide freedom to investment requirements in order to encourage individual initiatives in all the productive fields, simplify trade measures, particularly with regard to exports, and ensure the necessary funds.

These policies and measures will be issued immediately after the Eid Al Adha holiday. They will complement the regulations recently passed with regard to dealings in foreign currencies.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Dhuqan Al Hindawi, the Planning Ministry secretary general, director general of the Department of Statistics, director of Prince Hassan's office, the Crown Prince's economic advisor and a number of officials from the Ministry of Planning.

Dudin, ARAMCO representative discuss aid to W. Bank institutions

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin Monday discussed with the Saudi-owned Arab-American Oil Company (ARAMCO) the assistance it provides to the universities and charitable societies in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

ARAMCO representative in Jordan Jamal Saraiel told Dudin that the company has deposited the sum of \$645,500 at the Arab Bank for the account of the universities and societies concerned. A spokesman for the Ministry

of Occupied Territories Affairs said that the assistance will benefit 35 various charitable societies in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in addition to the Zakat Committee in Baqaa Camp for Palestinian refugees in the Balqa Governorate.

Iran unconditionally accepts 598

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doesn't need a general mobilisation for the massing of troops," Jasssem told the Iraqi News Agency. But he said Baghdad was still studying the Iranian statement.

Despite Iraq's wary reaction, the prospect of diminished tension in the region cut the price of gold, a haven for nervous investors, and boosted the price of oil.

Crude oil traders believed acceptance of the ceasefire would mean greater unity within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The Iranian armed forces statement said Tehran had accepted a ceasefire as a way of gaining the initiative over Baghdad and its foreign backers.

It said new conditions had been created "which call for adopting a new position in the sacred defence and the effort to safeguard Islam and the Islamic revolution."

Diplomats and analysts said Iran, which had previously refused to accept a formal ceasefire until Iraq was branded the "aggressor," had been largely,

driven to accept Resolution 598 by a series of battlefield defeats since mid-April.

The setbacks have seen Iranian forces retreat from nearly all Iraqi territory they seized since the war erupted in September 1980.

Iraq said Monday some Iranian forces were still on its soil and they would be forced out unless they withdrew first.

Iraq had accepted last year's ceasefire call if Iran did the same. U.S. Defence Department spokesman Dan Howard called Tehran's move a positive step and said: "We hope that Iran follows through with it."

He declined to predict if any U.S. warships would be pulled out of the region, but added: "We have always said we would maintain a force consistent with the threat."

In Bahrain, Congressman William Dickinson, senior Republican on the House of Representatives' Armed Forces Committee, said: "Maybe we can get the hell out of here now."

"If they (Iran and Iraq) stop shooting up those tankers, we've got no business being over here,"

he said.

Khamenei, in his letter to Perez de Cuellar, cited the downing of an Iranian civilian airliner by a U.S. cruiser in the Gulf as an example of unnecessary loss of life in the war.

The Security Council was due Monday to continue its debate on the attack, which Washington has said was launched in the belief the airliner carrying 290 people was a fighter jet.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein repeated his country's conditions for peace during a speech Sunday marking the 20th anniversary of the ruling Baath Party's rise to power.

He said there should be a complete, unconditional withdrawal by both parties to internationally recognised borders, the signing of a peace and non-aggression accord and commitments to non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

There should also be an immediate and complete exchange of prisoners of war, and a peace agreement should be a positive element in stability and security in the region.

WAJ announces water rationing plan

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King Talal Dam reservoir, which used to be a main source of water for Amman in previous years.

Bilbeisi explained that the WAJ's pumping operations from the east and south of Amman were limited to the eastern and southern suburbs of the capital and "our main problem is providing water to west Amman." He said

the existing pipeline network does not reach west or north of Amman and "this is the reason water shortages occur in these areas in particular."

"The available water network is old, its capabilities are limited, its quality is not up to the required standard and it was not built according to a well studied plan," Bilbeisi said.

But, he added, studies are under way to renew the secondary and distribution pipelines at a cost of almost JD 3 million, but consumer pipelines are not included in any renewal plans at this time "since such a scheme will be very costly."

The Water Authority will continue water exploration work in various areas of the Kingdom to meet the expected increase in demand in the near and far future, Bilbeisi said.

According to Bilbeisi, the government has put a lot of efforts into utilising the Deir Alla water basin and "it is expected that water from Deir Alla will be pumped to Amman in the middle of August." He said the expected capacity of Deir Alla was 120,000 cubic metres but that "only around 100,000 cubic metres will be utilised by the Water Authority."

Another water source which is expected to show results within two years is the Haidan and Wala area. "We hope to be able to pump between 12 million and 15 million cubic metres of water every year to the capital from Al Haidan and Wala," he said.

Projects to increase utilisation from available water sources include digging four more wells in Al Aqeb, he said.

Bilbeisi said long-term projections of water needs in Jordan indicate that "the gap between our needs and the availability of water will continue to grow and this calls for a long-term water strategy."

Bilbeisi did not elaborate for more water sources in the Kingdom but stressed: "The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation is in the process of drawing up a long-term strategy and policy for financing water exploration."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CONDOLENCES: His Majesty King Hussein Monday delegated the Chief of Protocol to convey his condolences to Al Fayez family over the death of the late wife of Tayel Mithqal Al Fayez.

RIFAI RECEIVES TUNISIAN ENVOY: Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Monday received in his office the Tunisian Ambassador in Jordan Said Ibn Mustafa who called on him to bid farewell at the end of his tour of duty in Jordan.

NIMR MEETS YUGOSLAV ENVOY: Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Al Nimr Monday discussed with the Yugoslav Ambassador to Jordan Zoran Popovic the latest developments in the region, particularly the Iran-Iraq war, the current uprising in the occupied Arab territories and the forthcoming meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement foreign ministers due to be held in Cyprus in September. They also discussed means of developing bilateral relations.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS: Noor Al Hussein Foundation Director General Ina'am Al Mufri Monday presented certificates to participants in a two-week advanced training course for kindergarten teachers. Taking part in the course, which was organised by NHF in cooperation with the University of Jordan, were 49 kindergarten teachers from both the private and public sectors.

PURCHASING DEADLINE EXTENDED: The Agriculture Ministry has decided to extend the deadline for purchasing cereals from Jordanian farmers to Aug. 6, the ministry's Secretary General Salem Al Lawzi said Monday. Lawzi called on farmers to sell their products to the government at the competitive prices announced by the ministry no later than Aug. 6 to enable the central committee, which he heads, to meet on Aug. 18.

ELECTRIC POWER: A total of 702 villages throughout Jordan, representing almost 95 per cent of the rural areas, have so far been connected to the electric power, a spokesman for the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) said Monday. The source added that the remaining 5 per cent have not yet been connected to the electric power because these villages are too far from the national grid, and consequently their connection will be costly.

WOMEN'S GATHERING: Participants in the first National Gathering for Jordanian Women studying abroad, Monday visited Shihab Community College and Shobak Agricultural School, where they were briefed on disciplines of study and the role of women in community development. They also visited Petra and listened to a briefing about its history. Following their tour of the Nabatean city, they watched a folkloric performance by Wadi Mousa Folklore troupe.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY: The Archaeological Department Monday reported that it is currently carrying out a survey of the Amman area and its suburbs. The department said this survey is designed to define the location of archaeological sites and historical buildings in order to preserve them. The survey is carried out with the cooperation of Greater Amman Municipality and the Antiquity Protection Project.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES: The Ministry of Higher Education Monday demanded all community colleges not to register or accept students before the time the ministry sets and after approving the fields of specialisation and the number of divisions for the scholastic year 1988/1989.

COURSE ON MANAGEMENT: A two-week training course on management of debit accounts was concluded Monday at the Industrial Development Bank's Institute of Management. Taking part in the programme were heads of divisions and sections from a large number of industrial companies, banks, insurance companies and public institutions.

Ajlouni meets with restaurant, resthouse owners

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni Monday chaired the constituent assembly meeting of the newly established tourist restaurant and resthouses owners society and stressed the importance of such a society in view of its close contacts with both citizens and tourists.

Ajlouni said the new assembly contributes significantly to revitalising the tourism sector in Jordan and consequently leaves positive impact on development of tourism.

The assembly elected a new administrative committee headed by Nayef Ka'wash.

Oakland Youth Orchestra to perform at Jerash

AMMAN (USIA) — The Oakland Youth Orchestra, one of the most popular musical organisations in the San Francisco, California area and a three-time winner of awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers for service to contemporary music, will perform on July 19 and 20 at the Jerash Festival, presented through the cooperation of the American Cultural Centre and the Jerash Festival Committee.

The group, whose sixty members range in age from twelve to twenty-one, plays a symphonic repertoire under the direction of a young and energetic conductor, Samuel Cristler.

The orchestra, now in its twenty-fourth season, has toured widely, playing throughout the United States and in England, Italy, Venezuela, Jamaica, Curacao, Barbados, Martinique, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

In August 1984, the group was honoured to serve as the host orchestra at the International Youth Festival in Aberdeen, Scotland. On its second trip to Scotland, the Oakland Youth Orchestra won first prize for the finest performance by a youth orchestra at the Festival of British Youth Orchestras in Edinburgh.

The orchestra is supported by private foundation and govern-

GUVS contributes JD 450,000 for uprising

SALT (Petra) — The General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) Executive Board Chairman Abdulah Khatib Monday said that the union has contributed JD 450,000 to the current uprising in the occupied territories and reassured that the amount contributed has reached the needy families.

Speaking at an open meeting with representatives of the cultural and voluntary societies in Balqa Governorate, Khatib stressed the important role of the voluntary societies in identifying the needs and problems of citizens and assisting in finding solutions to them.

Khatib also called on the societies to carry out programmes that conform with the societies' objectives and to benefit from the efforts of volunteers and donors.

Khatib said GUVS was ready to provide support for the societies programmes, and noted

that the union has adopted four projects in Balqa Governorate. These projects include the handicapped centre in the Jordan Valley, the Cerebral Palsy Centre in Salt and the construction of buildings for two charitable societies.

Khatib also said GUVS has given JD 800,000 in cash assistance to voluntary societies during this year.

GUVS president also called on the voluntary societies to draw up perceptions of the roles they can play to solve social problems, and voiced the union's readiness to

examine such perceptions and to adopt them.

He pointed out that GUVS is in the process of drawing up strict criteria which will govern the granting of any assistance to any of the voluntary societies as from next year.

On GUVS's activities, Khatib said it has organised 24 training courses attended by 608 members of voluntary societies and provided JD 163,290 in support for rehabilitation, health and income-generating projects and for the purchase of equipment.

The union has also given JD 228,171 in cash assistance to the charitable societies in the occupied cities of Nablus, Jerusalem and Hebron.

On future aspirations, Khatib said GUVS looks forward to setting up a centre for volunteers in Jordan and to work towards developing and modernising the social work legislations.

Polish university head discusses ties with University of Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Scopes of cooperation between the University of Jordan and the Polish University of Poznan were the subject of discussion at a meeting held Monday between Poznan University President Jacek Fisiak and deans of the Engineering and Technology and Science Faculties of the University of Jordan.

According to an already signed programme of cooperation, the two universities will exchange teaching staff and undertake joint scientific research.

Fisiak visited the computer centre at the university, where he was briefed on the educational and training programmes offered at the computer department and its future plans.

On Sunday University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali discussed with Fisiak bi-

lateral cooperation in the fields of education, technology and culture. They also reviewed the programme of cooperation already concluded between the two universities.

The programme provides for exchange of visits by teachers and higher studies students and for carrying out joint research and participation in discussing the university thesis.

Majali welcomed Polish students at the University of Jordan to study Arabic language at the Languages Centre and voiced the university's readiness to assist the Arabic language teaching programme at Poznan University.

Fisiak visited the Student Affairs Department, the activities building, the library, the Languages Centre and the Faculty of Arts.

RIFAI RECEIVES ENVOYS: Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Monday received the Jordanian ambassadors to the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia and Oman.

U.K. DONATES BOOKS: The British Ambassador to Jordan, Anthony Reeve, Monday made a presentation of books to Mu'taz Bilbeisi, secretary general of the Ministry of Water & Irrigation. Reeve was accompanied by David Latta, the British Council representative. The books provide much data on a variety of aspects connected with water. They are a gift from the U.K. Overseas Development Administration.



Four members of the Oakland Youth Orchestra during one of their performances

ment grants, as well as by gifts from individuals and corporations.

In an effort to make the opportunity to play an instrument available to everyone of ability, the orchestra charges no tuition.

Orchestra members also play in string quartets and other ensembles for public functions throughout the San Francisco Bay area, providing the orchestra with publicity and donations and giving members an opportunity to per-

form in small groups and receive individual instruction.

The Oakland Youth Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the South Theatre and at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at the Artemis Steps.

WHAT'S GOING ON

JERASH FESTIVAL

- Local and Arabic music by the Jordan Armed Forces Band at the Forum at 6:30 p.m.
- Poets and poetry at the Artemis at 7:00 p.m.
- Modern dancing by the USA Dayton Ballet at the South Theatre at 7:30 p.m.
- Jordanian folk dance by the Ramtha Folk Group at the Forum at 8:00 p.m.
- Children's play by the Ministry of Culture at the Sound and Light at 8:00 p.m.
- Modern Filipino dance and music by U.P. Filipiniana Troupe at the Sound and Light at 9:30 p.m.
- Chamber music by Kammer Orchester Camerata Musica at the Artemis at 9:30 p.m.
- Shakespeare play: The Taming Of The Shrew by the British Actors Theatre Company at the South Theatre at 9:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- Jordanian-Palestinian heritage week at the University of Jordan. It includes handicraft, costumes, and embroidery.
- Photo exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- Computer, office supplies and equipment exhibition at the Marriott Hotel.
- Art exhibition by Isam Khalil Mseis at the Petra Bank Art Gallery.

FILMS

- Film: "Secret Agents" at the Goethe Institute at 8:30 p.m.

MUSIC

- America's music: "soul and blues" at the American Centre at 7:00 p.m.



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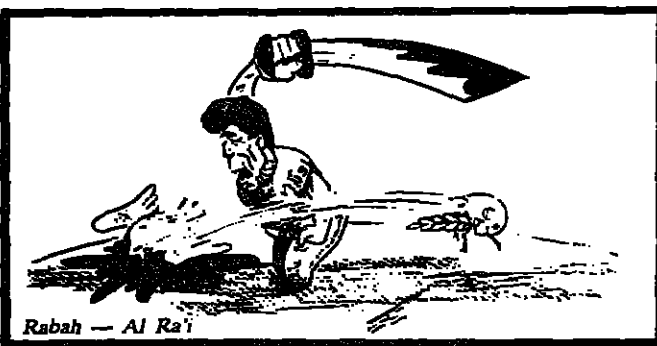
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Freedom for all

IT IS heartening to note that the 70th birthday of black South African leader Nelson Mandela has sparked dozens of calls from both West and East for the release of the jailed nationalist leader, whose "crime" was nothing but demanding an end to racist tyranny and insisting on freedom for his people in their homeland. At the same time, we wonder how far many of the government leaders who sent messages containing media headline material to Mandela are really willing to exert a meaningful effort to eliminate the system under which the African National Congress (ANC) leader has been vanquishing in prison for the past 24 years. Many heads of states and government leaders appear to be using their call for freedom for Mandela to justify their decades-old apathy or insensitivity to the plight of the black majority living under the racist white regime in South Africa. Will Mandela's release from prison ensure the legitimate rights of black South Africans? Will they be treated as equal human beings by the Pretoria regime? Above all, will a free Mandela mean an end to the most despicable system of separating people by their colour? Mandela himself has said no to these questions. No doubt, it would have been more gratifying to the jailed freedom fighter if the world at large exerted serious efforts instead of rhetoric towards bringing about a total elimination of the abhorrent apartheid regime in his country.

All freedom-loving people of the world are behind Mandela and the cause he represents. The prison walls that surround him are nothing but shame on those powers which openly and covertly support the Pretoria regime on the international scene through blocking concerted action against apartheid; not only because the system serves their economic and political interests but also because remnants of racism have become part of their own establishment. But, the final victory is in the hands of the oppressed, whether today, tomorrow or a decade later. We hope that the chains around Mandela will be broken by the power of the people, not as a "goodwill gesture" by his white supremacist captors. We look forward to the day when the symbol of resistance to tyranny will emerge from his cell only to a life of freedom and dignity for all the people in South Africa.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS



Al Ra'i: Racist entity

THE statement made by the British minister, David Mellor, branding the Zionist state with racism provoked the Israelis and shed light on a fact Jewish state has continuously been trying to conceal. Israel has continuously been involved in aggressive acts and terrorism. The uprising and the earlier Zionist invasion of Lebanon exposed to the world Israel's lust for aggression, murder, and devastation. The accusation Mellor has made does not provide further explanation to a fact the world knows, namely: Zionism is a condemned racist movement, and the Israeli entity is the tool which perpetuates racist policies. The British official, as well as millions in the United States and Europe, saw with their own eyes the Zionist enemy's repressive measures, racism, terrorism, and oppression. That is why he accused the Zionist entity of being similar to the regime in South Africa. The question that arises is that after the world realised the racism of the Zionist entity and South Africa, what comes next? The Arabs and the Africans cannot count only on others' denunciation to recover their rights, they will inevitably resort to their will and to other methods.

Al Dustour: Iraq's call for peace

AMID Iraqi joy and celebrations, marking the liberation of all the Iraqi soil from the abominable Iranian occupation, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein reiterated his offer to attain just and honourable peace with Iran. Iraq's call for peace comes at a time Iran lost the military option and suffered from a deteriorating military will. So President Saddam's call for peace serves as a genuine opportunity to extricate Iran from its endless embroglio. We believe that the Iranian voices calling for the continuation of the war will soon be silenced in the wake of Iran's failure to continue war and aggression. While we share the joy of Iraqi victories, we hope that the rulers of Tehran will grasp the bitter lessons of the war and resort to peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: Greetings to Iraq

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's speech on Iraq's national day anniversary reflects Iraq's immutable positions and its continuous call for just peace. The Iraqi call for peace follows liberation of all the Iraqi national soil. Iraq's peace plan is based on full, unconditional and comprehensive withdrawal to the borders recognised internationally; comprehensive, full, and quick exchange of prisoners of war; the signing of a peace and non-aggression agreement between the two countries; non-interference in internal affairs; and that Iraq and Iran should serve as positive elements to attain stability and security in the region. Iran is still striving to continue the war in order to postpone the eruption of its internal crisis following its repeated defeats in the war. We greet the Iraqi positions and congratulate Iraq on its national day anniversary and victories.

Palestinian women in Israeli jails

Editor's note: The Palestinian Human Rights Information Centre (PHRIC) in Jerusalem has been publishing an "uprising update," which aims to clarify the existing human rights situation as it develops in the occupied territories. The information bulletin is distributed in cooperation with the Database Project on Palestinian Human Rights, whose international office is in Chicago. These updates will be published in the Jordan Times as they are received. Included in these information bulletins are lists of those killed during the uprising, as confirmed by the International Committee of the Red Cross,

lists of detainees, and updated human rights reports as they develop. While some sources and background material is publicly available, most of the information comes from first hand reports, fieldworker visits to hospitals, refugee camps, towns and villages, and from working relationships between the PHRIC and other institutions in the occupied territories. The material is collected and verified in Jerusalem and sent to Chicago, where the updates are produced and distributed internationally.

charge of overcrowding is questionable. Kurd's mother-in-law, who is almost totally disabled, is taking care of the children. Military authorities destroyed Kurd's house May 23, reportedly because of the charges against her husband.

Women sentenced or awaiting trial before the intifada

1. Lamia Marrouf, 24, from Deir Ballut but a citizen of Brazil. Arrested March 13, 1986. Sentenced to 25 years for planning a military action.
2. Fadwa Abbasi, 22, from Silwan. Arrested November 16, 1986. Sentenced to 7 years.
3. Ataf Alayan, 24, from Bethlehem. Arrested October 1987. Awaiting trial.
4. Imam Surhan, 23, from Ramallah. Arrested December 1987. Awaiting trial for planning military action.
5. Zahra Qara'ous, 25, from Deir Ballut. Arrested March 15, 1986. Sentenced to 12 years.
6. Marwa Qatmiri, 23, from Azaria. Arrested December 1987. Awaiting trial.
7. Alia Fahmawi, 35, from inside 1948 Palestine.
8. Fatma Abu Bakra, 30. Arrested March 1986. Mother of two boys. Awaiting trial for military action.
9. Mona Mohammad, from Dheishe. Arrested April 1987. Sentenced to two-and-one-half years for molotov.
10. Suad Faris, from Nablus region. Arrested April 8, 1986. Sentenced to 3 years.
11. Wafa' Sharqawi. Arrested January 15, 1986. Awaiting trial.
12. Nabila Rishaq, from Shu'fat. Sentenced to 2 years for arms in house. Sister, Inam, sentenced to one-and-one-half years and released.
13. Iliam Kuttub, from Balata. Arrested December 1985. Sentenced to two-and-one-half years.
14. Khawla Musa, 36, from Kalandya. Awaiting trial for stabbing in Old City of Jerusalem.
15. Samira Mohammad, from Ramallah. Awaiting trial? Jihad Islami?
16. Juada'a Mohammad Saker Najab, 17. Arrested March 27, 1988. Was in Moscoviya.
17. Minawar Judah's Yasmin, from Nablus. Molotov, with Mona Mohammad.

Other women political prisoners

Two Israeli women journalists, Roni Ben Efrat and Michal Schwartz, from Derech Hanitzot/Tarziq a-Sharara, are currently being held in Neve Tirza. They are the only Israeli women political prisoners. They face up to forty years in prison on charges concerning connections with the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. During interrogation and isolation, which they described as psychological torture, they were kept in Petah Tiqva detention centre under the responsibility of a special secret police team. Both made confessions which they later retracted, saying they were given under duress.

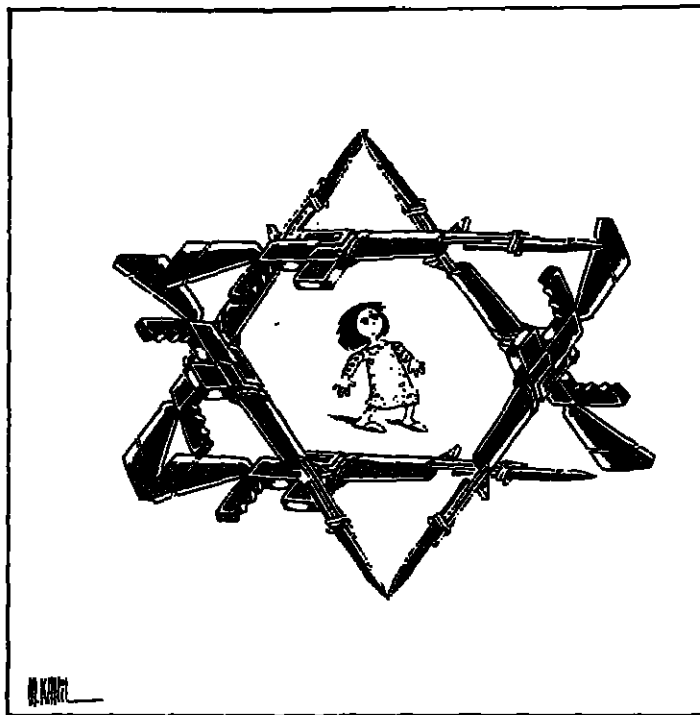
Physical conditions for women in Neve Tirza are optimal. The two are allowed twice weekly visits by their families; both have two teenage children. However they have been attacked by Israeli criminal prisoners several times. On May 31 both women had to receive medical treatment in the prison hospital after seven prisoners beat them and threw boiling water on them. They have demanded that they be held with other political prisoners, all of whom are Palestinian, rather than with Jewish criminal prisoners.

Conditions of Palestinian women prisoners in Jalameh May 27, 1988

There are currently five West Bank Palestinian women prisoners in the Jalameh (Qishon) Detention Centre, inside the Green Line. The number could change at any time, as political prisoners are frequently transferred.

The five women are held in a former dining room. They sleep on the floor with only very thin blankets. They have no bathroom and only a dirty bucket for a wash basin. At times the political prisoners must use the criminal prisoners' bathroom; they have protested this because of the likelihood of contracting disease. The Palestinian women have also not been provided with cleaning materials. They, including the administrative detainees among them, are also deprived of radios, newspapers, books and writing materials.

The Palestinian women are subjected to constant harassment by the Israeli criminal prisoners, who curse them and use filthy language. Tensions erupted physically May 26 when the Palestinian women were attacked by the criminal prisoners using fists and makeshift weapons. The Palestinians then went on a 24-hour hunger strike. The officer in charge intervened, promising an improvement in their conditions,



a green-eyed young man who seemed still dazed by her arrest two weeks later, said he had been summoned to military headquarters for interrogation for two consecutive days preceding the arrest. The night of the arrests he had also been taken in a jeep to military headquarters. There he was told of Alayan's six-month detention order.

Widad Dahman's large, close-knit family said they learned of her six-month detention order when they went to visit her in Neve Tirza. On the night of the arrest soldiers had shouted to the family that she was a "member of a secret organisation," a charge they find preposterous. "She is a housewife," said her husband, "and she is busy day and night with our children and keeping the home. It is one thing to take a young man to prison but quite another to take a mother from her family for no reason."

Ashrafi's elderly mother found out from her neighbours that her daughter would stay six months in prison without trial. When she visited her in prison, Ashrafi told her not to worry about her. "It's an honour, mother," she said. The day after Ashrafi was arrested the army took her brother, beat him up and left him at the side of the road. He was taken to Shifa hospital with a badly injured back and legs.

Alayan and Ashrafi are active members of the local chapter of the Women's Work Committee and teach kindergarten classes at the WWC centre located across the street from their homes. The centre has been a target for Israeli repression since even before the intifada began. Military authorities banned a series of lectures on preventive medicine for families and on November 20 raided a scheduled showing of three award-winning Third World films: Kfir Kassem; a film on Algeria; and another film on Africa. Shin Bet agents confiscated the films and arrested Alayan; they held her for 13 days interrogation and finally released her on extremely high bail, NIS 5000 (US\$3500). Her trial, on unspecified charges, is still pending.

All three women's cases have been adopted by the Women's Work Committee, who urge international women's groups to intervene on behalf of their release.

West Bank

1. Jana al-Bitar, the 45-year-old director of the Women's Union in Nablus (a Palestinian charitable institution established in the 1920s), is being held in Jalameh Prison. A force of Israeli soldiers and Shin Bet agents raided the Bitar home in early May, reportedly confiscating JD 100,000 (US\$300,000) that were to be used for community service. In order to prohibit outside support to institutions and individuals during the intifada, Israel has forbidden Palestinians to bring more than JD 400 (US\$2100) into the territories via either the airport or Jordan Bridge crossings. Al-Bitar is the first person known to have been put into prison for transferring funds for local Palestinian institutions. Al-Bitar, one of Nablus' most respected women activists, was reportedly badly bruised and cut in the attack by Israeli criminal prisoners May 26 (see below).

2. Anah Wahdan, 30, from el-Birch, mother of two children aged two and four, a founder and member of the Executive Committee of the Women's Work Committee. She and her husband, unionist Mohammad Labadi, were both arrested at home April 12, kept in isolation and

interrogated. He is being interrogated at least partly in connection with the Nitzotz/a-Sharara organisation (see this Update); she is to be charged, but we do not know with what. Wahdan's initial appeal for release on bail was denied. On her second appeal, scheduled for May 29 in Ramallah military court, Israeli police refused to bring her from the Moscoviyeh detention centre (Jerusalem) to the court. This has caused her family to be concerned with her health. Wahdan has not been permitted any contact with her children. Her husband has been threatened with expulsion.

3. Munira Daoud Saleh, 22, from Beitza village, is four months pregnant and the mother of two children. She was arrested April 6 for throwing a stone at Israeli settler Romam Aldubi, who had shot dead her brother and injured her husband (see Revised Beitza Report April 19). Israeli authorities retracted their threat to charge her in the death of Tirza Porat (see this Update) but she faces charges of aggravated assault and rock throwing. Saleh is believed to be held in Jalameh detention centre. All requests for release on bail have been denied.

4. Ataf Alayan from Bethlehem, who has already spent 9 months in Neve Tirza, is currently awaiting a decision in her trial on charges relating to the Jihad Islami. Her eyes received severe injuries June 4 when criminal prisoners threw boiling water on her. Following the attack on Alayan the Palestinian women in Neve Tirza went on a 24-hour hunger strike, demanding that they be separated from the criminal prisoners, including having separate times for food and breaks. They continue to strike against breaks.

5. Labibi and Ahdoud Kahur are sisters from the Old City of Jerusalem who were arrested April 22 after a demonstration near al-Aqsa mosque. They are being held in Abu Kbir detention centre.

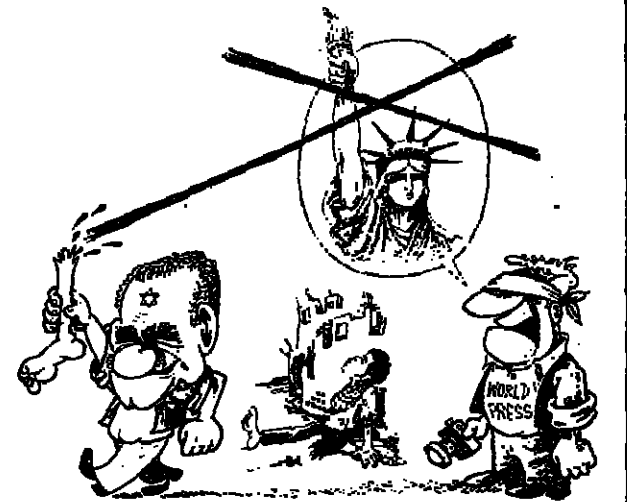
6. Jalila Judeh and Ibrisa Attiyyeh Haddad, both from Deir Dibwan, were arrested April 7 or 8 and are being charged with participating in a demonstration. They have no lawyer.

7. Nada Abu Ajameh, from Ain Sultan refugee camp (Jericho), has been held for two months on unspecified charges.

Gaza

1. Ithani Abu Daggah, from Abbasan, is the mother of 7 children, including a 2-month-old son whom she was breastfeeding before her arrest and who is reportedly ill. Despite regulations permitting children under two years old to be with their mothers in prison as long as the mother is not under interrogation her request to have her baby with her has been denied by the military authorities.

2. Aishe Kurd, from Rafah refugee camp, was arrested in early May, reportedly for attacking a soldier outside Gaza military court. She is being held in Neve Tirza women's prison in Ramle. Her husband was arrested a few weeks before she was and is being charged with military activities. Kurd, who already had four children, including one 20 months old, gave birth to a son in prison the first week in June. Israeli prison authorities have denied her the right to have the 20-month-old with her on the basis of "overcrowding"; we do not know if she has been permitted to keep her newborn with her. Five women share Kurd's cell; in the men prisoners' section up to 13 people share a cell so the



Mexican governing party faces change after misjudging the nation

By Candice Hughes
The Associated Press

Not so clean

MEXICO CITY — The strong opposition showing in Mexico's general election could lead to important reforms within the ruling party and the creation of a political opposition with long-term power.

The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) came out of the election bruised and divided, but still running Mexico. However, some form of significant opposition now seems here to stay.

Already, with four senate seats, the left now has a guaranteed forum for the next six years. And both the right and the left will have a greater voice in the lower house of the Mexican Congress.

Overconfident after 60 years of unchallenged rule and put on the spot by the biggest force of citizen watchdogs ever assembled, PRI allowed a relatively clean election by local standards.

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The PRI, although it came out of the elections bruised and divided, is clearly still running Mexico. Salinas takes office Dec. 1. Future elections will reveal the strength, shape and staying power of the opposition.

Economic growth

The PRI was created by survivors of the 1910-1921 revolution, who vowed to bring stability and social and economic justice to Mexico. But while Mexico changed radically over the decades, the PRI didn't keep up. After World War II, Mexico entered a period of unparalleled development. Industries, the recently nationalised oil fields and petrochemical production expanded. Tourism flourished. The economy grew 5 per cent to 6 per cent every year from the early 1960s to 1980.

Only one out of four Mexicans could read and write in 1940. Now eight out of 10 are literate. Forty years ago, almost three-quarters of the people lived in the countryside. About 60 per cent are now city dwellers.

Mexico City has become the largest metropolitan area in the world. The city that was home to 3.1 million people in 1950 grew to nearly 20 million — almost a quarter of the nation's estimated 85 million people.

Sustained post-war progress and the oil boom of the 1970s created a growing middle class based on the U.S. model.

The PRI, however, remained a party of power-hungry peasants, labourers and bureaucrats, an institution run by the sons and grandsons of its founders.

The oil boom triggered a wild government spending-and-borrowing spree and high-level corruption.

When oil prices fell in 1982, the economy came unravelling. Since then, the average Mexican's spending power has been cut in half. Last year, inflation hit a record 159.2 per cent.

Now, it takes a full day's minimum wage to buy two pounds of meat. Many families go without.

The bust left a society of frustrated consumers watching with envy as television families in trendy clothes enjoy the latest products, which are out of reach of most Mexicans.

The public ire grew this year under an economic austerity programme that enabled Mexico to keep up payments on its \$104-billion foreign debt but further eroded Mexicans' buying power. The PRI began realising it was in trouble as the election approached, but it underestimated how many people would vote against the system.

When returns began coming in, stunned party insiders realised the PRI had lost Mexico City to Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, the candidate of a leftist coalition, who talked about social compassion, national pride and a moratorium on debt payments.

Cardenas and the leftist opposition candidate, Manuel J. Clouthier of the National Action Party, or PAN, took almost half the vote — even though results may have been distorted by fraud.

The election left Salinas, the architect of the economic austerity plan, without a solid mandate for change.

Throughout the campaign, Salinas insisted he wanted an honest victory that would give him an undisputed green light to modernise the party and the economy.

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Instead, his victory was not clean enough or big enough to silence either the party's traditional faction or the public voices of economic discontent.

"He has a party in shambles, he has no programme left, he has no constituency. All he has is a presidency — and an empty one at that," said Adolfo Aguilar, a Mexican political analyst.

Salinas will have to tread carefully among his plans to challenge the bloated bureaucracy, the corrupt unions, the blatant patronage system, the political bosses and the privileged elite he has inherited.

His closest associates say privately that the outcome of the vote was more credible than in previous Mexican elections, when the PRI won with huge majorities.

They also say the sobering result — a message from the electorate that the old ways simply are no longer acceptable — gives them the mandate to unleash reform within the party.

The strong opposition showing could force Salinas to fashion economic policies with an eye to the social consequences, and to their impact on ordinary people.

"I think the opposition's fate rests on Cardenas," Aguilar said. "He has to make people believe that the election was worthwhile, even if he lost. If Cardenas fails to lead, the PRI will regain its old confidence."

Shamir denies agreeing to PLO role in occupied lands

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir Monday dismissed as totally unfounded reports that he agreed to a peace plan allowing the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to administer the occupied territories.

He said he was willing to negotiate with Palestinians, but not those who belonged to the PLO.

His denial came in reaction to a statement in Baghdad Sunday by PLO spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif, who reportedly said Shamir had offered to turn over administration of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to the PLO.

"It's contradictory to what I say and what I've said all the time," Shamir told reporters outside his office. "I'm ready to speak and negotiate about peace with any Arab factor, any Arab country, any Palestinian factor. But not with the PLO."

He restated his contention that PLO members were "terrorists and they want to kill every one of us... maybe they want peace, but peace without us."

Shamir said his government would consider reprimanding Moshe Shahal, a member of the Labour Party which is the main rival of Shamir's Likud bloc.

Shahal said on Israel radio Monday that there was some basis for the PLO spokesman's statement.

"It's the first time that Mr.

Shamir, who doesn't even recognise the PLO, offered that it take charge of the affairs of the occupied territories with the exception of security," Abu Sharif was quoted as saying by the French news agency Agence France Presse.

Shahal said on Israel radio Monday: "It has come to my knowledge that such a proposal was raised in talks with (Romanian President Nicolai) Ceausescu... (about) self-rule by Palestinians without checking their identity."

Shahal was also quoted by the Haaretz daily as saying Shamir suggested Israel could "turn the territories over to PLO administration" in a written document Shamir brought to Ceausescu in Aug. 1987. Shahal demanded Shamir disclose the document to the cabinet.

The document he referred to apparently grew out of a secret dialogue last August between Moshe Amirav, a former member of Shamir's Herut Party, and leading pro-PLO Palestinians including Faisal Husseini, who has been jailed without trial since Sept. 13.

Amirav, who was expelled from Herut and joined an opposition group, said in an interview that a top Shamir aide, Tzachi Hanegbi, had requested a report on the dialogue two days before travelling to Romania. He said Hanegbi told him Shamir read the report and took it with him to

Bucharest.

Shamir spokesman Avi Pazner said although Hanegbi received a report, he did not pass it on to the prime minister. "Shamir did not receive the report and he did not read it," Pazner said.

Amirav said Shamir ordered a halt to the dialogue after Amirav was subsequently invited to Geneva to meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Before the talks ended, Amirav said a four-point plan was agreed to that provided for recognition of the Zionist state by the PLO, direct talks between Israel and the PLO without any international conference, an end to PLO military operations and an interim self-rule plan with PLO supporters involved.

An official close to Shamir said the prime minister rejected a proposal brought earlier this month by a Ceausescu aide that Israel agree to talks with the PLO.

"Shamir dismissed the idea on the spot and said the PLO was a terrorist organisation that was no partner for peace talks," said the official who demanded anonymity.

Sources suggested that the Romanian envoy attempted to win Shamir's support for direct talks with the PLO by suggesting the PLO would agree to an interim solution for the occupied territories that fell short of independence.



A scene from the May 30 carbombing in east Beirut

Strong support for Palestinian state at Democrat convention

ATLANTA — A poll on the eve of the national Democratic convention here has shown overwhelming support among delegates for the creation of a Palestinian homeland.

Representatives of the Dukakis campaign and American-Jewish organisations Sunday sought to downplay the significance of the poll of some 4,000 delegates — more than two-thirds of whom are backers of the expected nominee, Michael Dukakis — which showed that 70 per cent favour "giving the Palestinians a homeland in the West Bank and Gaza."

That appeared to put the majority closer to the Middle East platform of Jesse Jackson, which calls for Palestinian self-determination, than to that of Dukakis, which calls for Israel and its Arab neighbours to negotiate along the lines of the Camp David accords, and does not even mention the Palestinians.

The poll also found that 38 per cent of the delegates favour cutting aid to Israel, as opposed to five per cent who want to increase it. Thirty-seven per cent have an unfavourable impression of Israel, as opposed to 58 per cent with a favourable impression. As many as 75 per cent would like to see cuts in U.S. foreign aid, and 79 per cent reject the proposition that Jackson can be accused of anti-Semitism.

Hyman Bookbinder, the Dukakis campaign's liaison to the Jewish community, rejected the contention that the poll might strengthen the Jackson camp in negotiations now under way to find a formula to prevent a debate on the Palestinian issue on the convention floor Tuesday.

According to Bookbinder, "the term 'homeland' is a benign-sounding word... but this doesn't mean the delegates will back the Jackson resolution calling for Palestinian self-determination... Other polls show that the American people don't support the principle of an independent Palestinian state."

Larry Rubin, the assistant executive director of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC), said he doubted the poll would increase pressure on the Dukakis camp to make concessions to Jackson on the issue.

Rubin noted that while many Dukakis delegates might agree in principle with the Jackson position on the Middle East, the great majority will follow instructions from the national campaign and



Jesse Jackson

vote to defeat the Jackson platform proposal if it comes to a voice vote on the floor.

Rubin said he was convinced that a significant number of Jackson delegates with close ties to the Jewish community would vote against the position of their own candidate in a floor vote.

Since the arrival here of Jackson's "Rainbow Express" caravan from Chicago late Saturday, intensive negotiations have been going on between principles of the two camps on the many issues still separating them. Among other things, Jackson is said to be pressing for far greater representation on the Democratic National Committee.

Jack Corrigan, Dukakis' depu-

ty campaign manager, said that while the major platform issues had not been resolved in Saturday's session, he was encouraged that the two sides were discussing the platform again.

Meanwhile, discussions continued all weekend between representatives of Aipac, NJCRAC, and other Jewish groups represented here over which of two options would be worse: a debate on the floor over the Palestinian issue, or coming up with compromise platform language the Jackson side might accept, thereby averting a floor discussion.

Representatives of the Jewish groups have reportedly indicated that they might be willing to accept the addition of the term "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" to the party's Middle East policy statement. They note that the concept was included in the Camp David accords, which the platform resolution endorses.

But the sources point out that while the phrase itself is relatively harmless, a decision by the Dukakis camp to include it in the resolution now, after rejecting it earlier, might be widely viewed as a victory for Jackson and his pro-Palestinian supporters and a defeat for the pro-Israel side.

If the Jackson side wishes to accommodate the Dukakis camp, it might give the contentious and potentially explosive Palestinian issue a lower profile — The Jerusalem Post.

Carbomb claims 1 in E. Beirut

Clash over sheep kills 7 in Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Sheep wandering onto the wrong pastureland touched off two days of factional fighting in northern Lebanon that left seven people dead and 31 wounded, police said Monday.

They also said a booby-trapped car exploded near the main entrance to Hotel-Dieu hospital in east Beirut's residential district of Ashrafiyeh when its owner turned on the ignition at 11:05 a.m. (0805 GMT).

He was killed instantly and his charred body was hurled four metres from the white Toyota car. His driver's license found in the car's wreckage identified him as Yousef Camille Fares, police said.

The blast also wounded a passerby, set three other cars ablaze and shattered glass in nearby buildings.

Police said they had no further information about the victim or the motive behind the bombing.

In northern Lebanon, the mostly Maronite Catholic population of the Qoubaiyat township fought the Jaafar clan in the neighbouring village of Shanbook with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, police said.

Interior Minister Abdulla Rassi said about 80 Syrian troops intervened at his request to quell the clashes in the area, 110 kilometres northeast of Beirut.

Rassi said in a statement published by the Beirut newspaper Al Anwar that the flare-up was not politically motivated. He did not elaborate.

But a police spokesman said a "flock of sheep from Qoubaiyat strayed into pastures claimed by the Jaafars on Saturday, prompting tribesmen to take up arms to drive off the intruding sheep and shepherds."

The fighting raged through Sunday until Syrian troops set up buffer zones between the two sides. Monday, said the spokesman, who cannot be identified under standing regulations.

Two regular Lebanese army soldiers from Qoubaiyat were among the dead and three others among the wounded, police said.

Qoubaiyat has a population of 20,000 while Shanbook has an

estimated 5,000 inhabitants. Monday's blast in east Beirut was in the same area as a car bombing May 30 which killed at least 15 people.

Lebanese police and militiamen sealed off the area after Monday's explosion and searched parked cars for further bombs.

Sources quoted by Reuters said about 10 kilograms of explosive was planted in the car parked against the wall of the hospital's entrance.

The Voice of Lebanon radio station said the dead man was the driver of the Toyota.

A guard at a nearby bank said a man driving the Toyota wanted to park it next to the bank, but was not allowed to.

"He drove on and parked it near the hospital. Three minutes later the car blew up," the guard told Reuters.

Lebanese police and Lebanese Forces militiamen prevented civilians from approaching as they searched other cars for bombs.

Monday's blast was the latest in a series of bombings in Lebanon this year which have killed at least 94 people and wounded 205.

Police said later Monday's blast victim was an Egyptian. But they withheld his name.

Investigation established that Fares, whose driving licence was recovered from the wreckage, owned another car, a Fiat 200, that was also damaged in the explosion, according to police.

In another violent incident, police said two people were killed in a firefight between two rival clans after a volley ball game in the town of Berqayel, 85 kilometres northeast of Beirut.

The match was played by two local clubs Sunday evening. Supporters of each club from the feuding clans fought in with rifles and machine guns in Berqayel's streets until a cease-fire was called at daybreak Monday, police reported.

Egypt mounts massive hunt for fugitive Sadat convicts

CAIRO (AP) — Police forces were placed on a state of alert after three former army officers convicted in the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat escaped from a maximum-security prison, officials said.

The escapees, members of a Muslim fundamentalist organisation known as Jihad, fled from their cell Sunday after one of them knocked a guard unconscious with an iron bar and another wounded a second guard while snatching his rifle, police officials said.

The three then seized the guards automatic rifles and made their way through the main prison gate after exchanging fire with other guards, the officials said.

Tora prison lies on the outskirts of Cairo.

Officials said the guards were unable to pursue the three before they disappeared. It was not immediately known whether the escapees fled into the populated area surrounding the prison or left in a getaway vehicle. Officials were tight-lipped about whether the escapees received outside help.

Interior Minister Zai Badr announced a state of alert among police forces, ordered a manhunt for the convicts and offered a reward for their capture. The exact amount of the reward was not released.

Badr also fired the chief of the prison system, Major General

Salah Ghaleb, and replaced him with Maj. Gen. Nabil Osman.

The state-owned newspaper Al Ahram said security measures were taken at air and sea ports to prevent the fugitives from escaping the country.

The three were identified as Mohammad Khames, 40, Esam Al Kemary, 37, and Ahmad Al Aswani, 31. They were among 17 Jihad members sentenced to life imprisonment by the supreme military court in 1982 for involvement in the assassination. All were placed in Tora prison.

The same court also sentenced five members of the Muslim fundamentalist group to death on the same charges. The five were hanged.

Sunday's escape was believed to be the first by any of the 17 convicted in Sadat's death.

Sadat was assassinated Oct. 6, 1981, during a military parade in Cairo. Hosni Mubarak succeeded him as president.

Officials said members of the Jihad group briefly took over part of the southern city of Assiut two days after Sadat's death in hopes of a nationwide uprising.

Officials said at the same time that 87 people, including 66 policemen, were killed and 156 were injured during the riots.

Egypt has maintained emergency laws since the assassination to combat terrorism.

The laws ban demonstrations, unauthorised assembly and strikes, and give the government wide powers of search without warrant and detention of people regarded as security risks.

In March, Badr told parliament that authorities had uncovered 227 cases of "extremist action" involving 1,458 defendants in the past two years.

Lebanese bomber jailed for 15 years in Cyprus

NICOSIA (AP) — A Lebanese member of the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad organisation was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment Monday after pleading guilty to two charges of manslaughter in a bungled attempt to blow up the Israeli embassy here.

Omar Ahmad Hawillo, 28, admitted in a confession made to the police two days after his arrest May 11 that on that day he was involved in a plan with another Lebanese, Kadour Ahmad Honeim, to blow up the Israeli embassy with a carbomb.

The plan went awry when Honeim, who was driving a car loaded with 100 kilos of plastic explosives, was prevented by police from parking in front of the embassy building.

The carbomb exploded 200 metres from the embassy as Honeim was driving off, killing him

and two Cypriots, a man and a woman, and wounding 15 other Cypriots.

The lethal car, a new Mitsubishi Pajero four-wheel drive vehicle, was traced to Hawillo, and he was picked up by the police less than an hour after the blast.

Police also found an attaché case near the scene, containing a remote-control detonating device with Hawillo's fingerprints.

His detailed confession about his role in the bungled bombing, contained no expression of remorse.

"We have nothing against the Cypriot people, but I am proud for any blow against Zionism, as we did in Cyprus," Hawillo declared at the very end of his two-page confession, which was read in court by an official.

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AMMAN JORDAN

Dollar rallies against other foreign currencies

LONDON (R) — The dollar rose to new 11-month highs against West Germany's mark Monday, extending a vigorous rally on the back of robust U.S. economic figures.

The pound sterling was also firm after Britain raised interest rates in pursuit of a government drive to curb inflation.

Elsewhere in the various world markets, crude oil prices rose slightly, by around 25 cents to \$14.45 a barrel, after the Iranian news agency said that Iran had accepted a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for a Gulf war ceasefire.

Currency and interest rate uncertainties depressed the Tokyo and London Stock Markets. The gold price eased.

The dollar touched a quoted high in Europe of 1.8925 marks, up from 1.8805 at New York's close last Friday, then held just above 1.90 marks. It was also firm against Japan's yen, trading around 135.35 yen.

Dealers say they suspect that the Reagan administration wants to have the dollar riding high as Republican Vice-President George Bush campaigns for November's presidential election.

Meanwhile, better-than-expected U.S. trade figures last Friday put new vigour into the dollar rally. Prospects that U.S. interest rates are headed higher — to pinch off inflation in a booming economy — also drew speculative money to the dollar.

Speculation on a likely rise in

West German interest rates did little to lift the mark. Dealers think the Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, will raise its key securities repurchase rate to 4.00 per cent from 3.75 on Tuesday.

The West German authorities are worried about inflation as the strong dollar pushes up the cost of imports.

That concern is shared in London, where interest rates have also been rising. Sterling rose on Monday by almost two pence to around 3.14 marks, as dealers anticipated a further rise in British interest rates.

British banks raise interest rates

Later, following a Bank of England signal, British banks raised base lending rates from 10 to 10.5 per cent, the sixth such rise since early June. The pound held most of its gains.

Oil traders said the initial reaction to the report that Iran accepted the U.N. ceasefire resolution was that any progress towards peace would ease tensions between Iran and Iraq's supporters within Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) — perhaps making it easier for the group to deal with

the present glut. Traders quoted North Sea crude oil around \$14.45 a barrel for September, loading up from 14.20 Friday.

In stock markets, London shares were weaker because of concern that higher interest rates will pinch business profits. The FTSE Index of 100 Blue Chips dropped 20 points to 1,841.5.

Earlier, Tokyo's Nikkei Share Index lost 251.67 points to 27,662.12 after falling 170.29 Friday, amid uncertainty over the direction of the yen.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index fell 29.33 points. But in Sydney the Australian All-Ordinaries Index ended 18 points higher at 1,641.5. French and West German shares opened slightly lower.

Gold prices fall

Gold was fixed for the morning in the London bullion market at \$437.65 an ounce, down from 439 on Friday, reflecting the stronger dollar.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$437.80, down from \$439 late Friday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$1.86 to close at a bid \$440.00.

Silver was quoted in London at a bid price of \$7.29 a troy ounce, down from Friday's \$7.30.

Forecasters of rain in the drought-hit U.S. farm belt sent soybean meal and some other farm prices lower in Europe.

Tabba'a to attend London conference

AMMAN (Petra) — Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Tabba'a Monday left for London to take part in the Arab British Commercial and Investment relations conference, due to be held in the capital of Britain Tuesday.

Tabba'a who will be the only Arab official to attend the meeting, which is organised by the Arab British Chamber of Commerce will deliver a speech outlining the history of Jordanian Arab relations, particularly in the field of technology transfer and involvement of British investors in the Arab projects.

Tabba'a will also review the unique role Arabs can play in the world economy in view of the abundant natural resources in the Arab World. Tabba'a is also expected to brief investors on the investment opportunities existing in the Arab World and will stress the need for cementing commercial exchange, with a view to achieving a balanced flow of commodities from both directions, so that commercial balance will not be in the interest of one party at the expense of the other.

The conference which will be held under the patronage of Prince Charles of Wales, is expected to discuss means of developing commercial relations between the Arab World and Britain and the investment opportunities in the Arab World, and particularly in Jordan.

Saudi riyal deposits fall in active trade

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi riyal deposits fell in active trade Tuesday as kingdom banks lent funds to offshore operators ahead of the Muslim pilgrimage holiday.

Dealers said one-month to one-year maturities fell by up to 5/16 point as traders took advantage of a nine-month high on inter-bank rates to unload excess funds and take profits.

Demand for riyals normally soars before the holiday as hundreds of thousands of Muslims pour into Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Cash usually starts to flow back into the system after banks reopen for business.

The last day for formal clearing in Saudi Arabia is July 19, with

banks closing for general business between July 22 and 29.

In the offshore Bahrain market, banks will close from July 24 to 26 inclusive, although some may also be shut on July 23.

Rates for the so-called Eid run extending through August 3 fell to 8%, 3/4 per cent from 10, 9/2 per cent Sunday. Tomorrow next was quoted one point lower at 9%, 8/8 per cent.

One- to three-month deposits fell to 8%, 3/4 per cent from 8-13/16, 3/4 per cent, while six- to nine-month funds eased to 8%, 1/2 per cent from 8%, 11/16. One-year was at 8%, 3/4 per cent.

The riyal eased to 3.7515/20 to the dollar from 3.7480/95.

Egyptian depositors protest at investment company

CAIRO (R) — More than 1,000 angry depositors demonstrated Sunday outside the offices of an Egyptian Islamic investment company, blocking the road to the Giza pyramids.

Depositors told reporters they had been unable to draw on their funds at El Rayan Investment Company since the government passed a law last month regulating such firms.

Most of the demonstrators dispersed after about an hour with no violent incidents reported.

"We've come here before about 15 times to get our money," said Hussein Awad Izzadeen, 42. "They refused to give us an appointment to get our money, so we stopped the cars — no cars coming, no cars going."

Hamdi Hashem, who said he deposited \$25,000 with Rayan in May, told reporters he and others stopped traffic to send a message

to the government. "It's the fault of Rayan and the government — the government more so," he said.

El Rayan is one of half-a-dozen Islamic firms, estimated to control more than two billion dollars in deposits, which operate risk-sharing schemes in which depositors take a percentage of profits or losses. They do not pay fixed interest, banned by Islam.

The government, seeking to rein in the little-regulated sector, passed a law on June 9 requiring the companies to go public, issue investment deeds to depositors and submit to strict scrutiny by state regulators.

The firms are awaiting publication of an appendix to the law to see how harshly it will be applied before deciding whether to comply or liquidate their businesses. In the meantime some have halted or restricted withdrawals.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Monday rates Local sell/buy rates in Jds			
Belgian franc (for 100)	93.8/	94.7	Saudi riyal 99.5/ (100.0)
Dutch guilder	174.1/	175.7	Syrian lira 11.7/ 12.3
French franc	58.2/	58.8	Lebanese lira 1.07/ 1.11
Italian lira (for 100)	26.5/	26.8	Iraqi dinar 155.0/ 160.0
Japanese yen (for 100)	273.4/	276.1	Kuwaiti dinar 1315.0/ 1325.0
Swedish crown	57.3/	57.9	Egyptian pound 160.0/ 165.0
Swiss franc	236.6/	239.0	Qatari riyal 102.7/ 103.2
U.K. sterling pound	614.7/	620.8	UAE dirham 102.0/ 102.5
U.S. dollar	369.0/	373.0	Omani riyal 971.0/ 975.0
W. German mark	196.2/	198.2	Bahraini dinar 990.0/ 995.0

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for July 18, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	71174	JD 149988	185
Top three companies:			
Arab Bank Limited	600	JD 6012	7
Jordan Sulpho Chemicals	4800	JD 10949	25
Jordan Cement Factories	8268	JD 9722	15
Parallel market:	1397	JD 363	—
Development bonds:	297	JD 3154	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Ministry of Industry and Trade	663191	Jordan Commercial Centres	603507
Ministry of Supply	602121	Corporation	603507
Ministry of Finance	636321	Free Zones Corporation	643001
Ministry of Planning	644466	Amman Financial Market	660170
Ministry of Labour	663186	Amman Chamber of Commerce	666151
Ministry of Communications	847391	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
Ministry of Agriculture	639391	Association of Banks in Jordan	662258
Income Tax Department	660151	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Central Bank of Jordan	632901	General Statistics Department	846171
Amman Customs Department	772181	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
Social Security Corporation	643000		
Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	721194		

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One Sterling	1.6615/25	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.2100/10	Canadian dollar	
	1.8875/85	Deutsche marks	
	2.1285/95	Dutch guilders	
	1.5660/70	Swiss francs	
	39.54/57	Belgian francs	
	6.3665/95	French francs	
	1399/1400	Italian lire	
	135.20/30	Japanese yen	
	6.4670/4720	Swedish crowns	
	6.8660/8710	Norwegian crowns	
	7.1900/50	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	435.50/436.00	U.S. dollars	

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The share market powered ahead to a new post crash high as local and offshore buyers scrambled for Blue Chip stocks. The All Ordinaries Index rose 18.0 to 1,641.5.

TOKYO — Prices closed down in a directionless market with widespread selling as investors waited for an indication which way currencies are headed. The Nikkei Index fell 251.67 to 27,662.12.

HONG KONG — Prices closed lower after British institutions cut down on their holdings in the absence of new incentive. The Hang Seng Index fell 29.33 to 2,711.37.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed sharply higher on sustained buying interest and bargain hunting. The Straits Times Industrial Index rose 15.62 to 1,146.58.

BOMBAY — Prices rose sharply, buoyed by heavy monsoon rains throughout India. Reports that stock exchanges and brokers would jointly fund the new securities and exchange board of India also cheered the market.

FRANKFURT — Prices closed lower almost across the board on continued worries about higher domestic interest rates. The 30-share Dax Index fell 11.33 to 1,179.74.

ZURICH — Share prices closed slightly firmer in moderate trade as investors echoed the general positive response to U.S. trade data. The Swiss Index rose 4.6 to 891.8.

LONDON — Share prices remained above midmorning lows in late trading after taking a half point rise in U.K. Base rates and lower Wall Street opening in their stride. At 1430 GMT, the FTSE 100 was down 14.1 points at 1,847.4.

NEW YORK — Wall Street stocks remained lower but were steady and above their lowest early levels. Analysts said the market was held down on U.S. bonds on concern over the federal reserve continues to tighten credit. The Dow was down eight points at 2,121.

African oil producers to support OPEC output policy

COTONOU, Benin (R) — African oil ministers, meeting at their biannual conference, were expected to support Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) output policy, delegates said.

This was one of the main recommendations of an expert committee of the African Petroleum Producers Association (APPA) which ended preparatory meetings in Cotonou Sunday night, they said.

In June, OPEC agreed to maintain output for the rest of 1988 at the level of the last six months in order to stabilise prices although violations by some members have caused a sharp price drop.

"We agreed to urge the minis-

ters to adopt a declaration supporting OPEC production policy," one expert, who asked not to be named, told Reuters.

OPEC president Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister, and Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi were due here Monday for the APPA ministerial meeting opening later in the day.

The African oil group links OPEC members Algeria, Gabon, Libya and Nigeria with non-OPEC Benin, Angola, Cameroon and Congo.

With a combined production level of only five million barrels per day (bpd), APPA's impact on the oil market is limited.

The expert said one country suggested a resolution urging APPA members to increase out-

put but this was rejected. "Some of us believe at a time of glut an increase is not practicable," the expert added.

The glut has caused a rapid decline in spot market oil prices and sharply reduced oil revenues for exporters including APPA states.

The two-day ministerial meeting is the fourth since APPA was launched in Lagos in January 1987. Delegates said several other African producers — Egypt, Ivory Coast, Zaire and Ghana — would attend as observers.

Egypt, with an output of nearly 900,000 bpd is Africa's third largest producer. Although it attended the Lagos meeting as an observer, Libya vowed to block its admission because of its peace treaty with Israel.

July oil production in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is running well below the country's self-imposed quota of 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd), the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said.

The Nicosia-based weekly oil newsletter reported in its Monday issue that July production had so far averaged around 1.37 million bpd in the UAE.

This is close to its level for June when the UAE rejected a formal quota set by the OPEC.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

U.S. names Olympic boxing team

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (R) — The final four members of the U.S. Olympic boxing team were chosen after they won their bouts by decision Sunday. Kennedy McKinney, 53.0 kg (119 pounds), Kellie Banks, 56.7 kg (125 pounds), Andrew Maynard, 80.7 kg (178 pounds) and Riddick Bowe, 104.7 kg (231 pounds), will represent the United States in Seoul.

Becker beats Connors in exhibition match

BREMEN, West Germany (R) — Boris Becker beat Jimmy Connors 7-6 (7-2), 2-6, 6-3 in an exhibition match Sunday, his second victory over the American this weekend. Becker, using the encounter to warm up for West Germany's Davis Cup world group semifinal against Yugoslavia in Dortmund next weekend, had beaten Connors 7-5, 6-4 in Munich Saturday. "I've never played so well after a break," said Becker, who had a short holiday on the Caribbean Island of Antigua after he was beaten by Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the Wimbledon final earlier this month. "We are the favorites," Becker said referring to the Davis Cup clash against Yugoslavia. "If everything goes normally we should win."

Costa Rica, Panama draw in qualifier

SAN JOSE (R) — Costa Rica and Panama drew one goal each Sunday in the first of two qualifying games for the World Cup to be played in Italy in 1990. Panama opened the scoring after 17 minutes and Costa Rica equalized in the 24th minute. Six minutes later, Panamanian Carlos Acosta was sent off for handling the ball. Costa Rica was unable to capitalise on its numerical advantage, and in the 57th minute Benigno Guido missed a penalty and with it a chance to put the home side ahead. The game was played in nearby Alajuela before a crowd of 20,000. The return game will be held in Panama City in two weeks.

Geboers on course for triple world triumph

LICHTENVOORDE, Netherlands (R) — Belgian Eric Geboers is on course to become the first rider in the history of motocross to win world titles in all three classes. Geboers, who won the 125cc crown in 1982-83 and the 250cc class last season, took advantage of the absence of championship leader David Thorpe of Britain to take over at the top of the 500cc standings Sunday. Honda rider Geboers won the first race in the Dutch Grand Prix and was runner-up to Kees van der Ven of The Netherlands in the second. That performance took Geboers to the top of the standings with 279 points — 28 ahead of second-placed Thorpe, whose title hopes virtually disappeared when he crashed in practice Saturday and was eliminated from the race with a broken collar bone. Thorpe, who returned immediately to England and had an operation Sunday, aims to compete in the Belgian Grand Prix on August 5, but will miss next Sunday's San Marino event.

Xiong fights hard to win Thailand Open title

BANGKOK (R) — Top-seeded Xiong Guobao of China faced a tough challenge from local contender Sompol Kukasemkij before he captured the men's singles title at the Thailand Open Badminton Championships Sunday. Although the top-ranked Chinese won the final in straight sets, 18-15, 15-13, the eighth-seeded Sompol put up a good fight for nearly an hour, with the second set stretching out to 39 minutes. The left-handed Sompol, a master of the drop shot, had Xiong reaching out in vain time and again at the net. World champion Li Lingwei recovered from a poor start to take the women's singles title, beating her unseeded Chinese compatriot Huang Hua in 37 minutes.

Baseball Standings

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball standings after Sunday games:

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	53	38	.586	—
New York	52	37	.584	1
Boston	47	42	.528	6
Milwaukee	47	44	.516	7
Cleveland	47	45	.511	7½
Toronto	45	47	.489	9½
Baltimore	29	63	.315	25½
West Division				
Oakland	55	37	.598	—
Minnesota	51	39	.567	3
Kansas City	46	45	.505	8½
California	44	47	.484	10½
Chicago	42	49	.462	12½
Texas	41	49	.458	13
Seattle	36	55	.396	18½
National League				
East Division				
New York	55	35	.615	—
Pittsburgh	53	37	.589	2½
Montreal	47	43	.522	8½
Chicago	45	45	.500	10½
St. Louis	39	51	.433	16½
Philadelphia	38	51	.427	17
West Division				
Los Angeles	53	36	.596	—
San Francisco	46	43	.517	7
Houston	46	45	.505	8
Cincinnati	44	47	.484	10
San Diego	42	50	.457	12½
Atlanta	31	57	.352	21½

Sanchez bags Belgian tennis title

BRUSSELS (R) — Spanish teenager Arantza Sanchez defeated Raffaella Reggi of Italy 6-0, 7-5 Monday to win the Belgian Women's Tennis Championship and claim her first tournament victory.

Sixteen-year-old Sanchez, who ousted American Chris Evert in the third round of this year's French Open, swept through the first set in 23 minutes, hitting a succession of heavy groundstrokes past the bemused Reggi.

Third seed Reggi often hit her forehand shots wide and struggled with an ineffective first serve against the fourth-seeded Spaniard in a final postponed from Sunday because of rain.

The 22-year-old Italian raised her game significantly after Sanchez had broken for a 3-1 lead in the second set, bouncing back to 5-3 after two consecutive service breaks.

But Sanchez broke back to level at 5-5 and captured the next two games for the title, Reggi capitulating on match-point by serving a double-fault.

"I played a very, very good match," Sanchez said. "Reggi started playing better in the second set but then I came more to the net and my volleys worked well."

"I was very impatient, I made a lot of mistakes in the first set," Reggi said. "But I really had a good chance to win the second set."

"This is my first tournament in four weeks because of a back injury. I'm happy I made it to the final."



Iraqi goalkeeper Ahmad Jassem vaults in a vain attempt to save a goal from Egyptian striker Taher Abu Zaid, however, the ball hit the post and went out. (Photo by Issam Abu Othman)

Pyongyang accepts Seoul letter urging it to attend Olympics

SEOUL (R) — North Korea Monday, in an apparent softening of policy, accepted a letter from South Korea's national assembly urging it to attend the Seoul Olympics, parliamentary officials said.

It was the first communication the North has agreed to take from its adversary across the tense demilitarized zone since Roh Tae-Woo assumed the presidency here in February.

The letter contained the text of an assembly resolution, passed on July 1, appealing to Pyongyang to abandon its boycott and attend the games, opening on September 17, to pave the way for eventual reunification of the peninsula.

In the past month, Pyongyang has refused even to discuss appeals from Roh and from the southern Red Cross to take tension-reducing steps including student and sporting exchanges.

It was not immediately clear whether the North, which sent an emissary to pick up the letter in the border village of Panmunjom, was in fact signalling a change of heart over the vexed Olympics issue.

An enraged Pyongyang protested in 1981 when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the 1988 games to the South Korean capital.

In a face-saving move, the IOC later mediated in vain at a series of talks between the two Koreas

to discuss the North's demand to be allowed to share in hosting the games.

Since January, when the North rejected a "final offer" to stage five of the 24 Olympic events, Seoul and its allies in Washington have publicly expressed fears over possible attempts to sabotage the sports festival.

IOC chief Juan Antonio Samaranch and Seoul organizers have repeatedly said that the door would remain open until the last minute for Pyongyang to reverse its boycott decision.

North and South Korea fought a bitter three-year war ending in 1953, and since have co-existed in an uneasy truce.

Filippini grabs Swedish Open

BASTAD, Sweden (Agencies) — Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay won his first Grand Prix tennis tournament Sunday with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, victory over unseeded Italian Francesco Cancellotti in the final of the Swedish Open.

Filippini, who had previously never gone beyond the quarter-finals on the Grand Prix circuit, took the \$38,700 first prize after shaking off a dreadful first-set performance and then wearing down his opponent with confident baseline play.

Twenty-year-old Filippini, ranked 87th in the world and seeded seventh here, started like a certain loser, misjudging his length and making unforced errors to give the Italian an early service break.

The rain, which has plagued the tournament all week, caused a half-hour break in the first set, but the enforced rest did little to improve the Uruguayan's performance.

The Italian forehand specialist served out for the set following a further service break and appeared on his way to his first singles title since 1984.

But Filippini was a changed man in the second set and showed some of the class which earned

him a straight-sets quarterfinal win over top-seeded Swede Joakim Nyström.

He dictated the pace of play from the baseline and won nearly all the longer rallies, which became a feature of the match.

There were five service breaks in the second set, but it was the Uruguayan who gained the decisive one, winning the set on Cancellotti's service game when the Italian hit out after a scorching service return by Filippini.

Agassi beats Gomez

In Stuttgart, West Germany, Andre Agassi of the United States, using powerful groundstrokes, swept past Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-4, 6-3 to win the \$350,000 Mercedes Cup tennis tournament Sunday.

It was the fourth tournament victory this year for the 18-year-old American, who is ranked sixth in the world.

"I apologise to Gomez for playing so well," Agassi said after collecting \$49,500 for his one-hour victory.

"He played too well for me today," Gomez said. "I was very impressed by the way he was hitting the ball. He was very quick and his groundstrokes were all over me."

Agassi said he was surprised by the speed of the red clay courts at the start of the Nabisco Grand Prix event.

"I wasn't used to the speed of the courts, but I enjoyed playing here," said Agassi, who was seeded second and did not drop a set during the week-long event.

"It was good preparation for next weekend's Davis Cup match against Argentina," he said.

Earlier in the day, Agassi edged 1984 Stuttgart winner Henri Leconte of France 7-5, 7-5 in the rain-delayed semifinals, while Gomez ousted Guillermo Perez-

Roldan of Argentina 6-3, 6-1.

The semifinals had to be rescheduled for Sunday morning after heavy rain washed out Saturday's programme.

McNeil overpowers Potter

In Newport, Rhode Island, second-seeded Lori McNeil capped a week of comebacks by beating third-seeded fellow American Barbara Potter 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 to win the \$200,000 Newport international tennis tournament.

McNeil, ranked ninth in the world, had saved three match points in her quarterfinal victory over countrywoman Ann Henricksson and then rallied from the set and 4-5 down against South African Ros Fairbank in the semifinals.

Potter, 16th in the world, eliminated top-seeded and two-time defending champion Pam Shriver in the semifinals but could not maintain her high level of play in the third set against McNeil after they split the first two.

McNeil scored the only service break of the third set in the sixth game of the two-hour final when Potter, leading 40-15, relaxed on three easy volleys.

McNeil said that she was concentrating so hard that she was each point without being conscious of the game score.

Potter used her big left-handed serve well throughout the match but admitted she lost a little concentration on the big points.

The first two sets were played like a chess match as each player struggled to find a rhythm. Both times the player who broke first went on to win the set, which also turned out to be the case for McNeil in the third set.

McNeil collected \$40,000 and her second title of the year, while Potter won \$18,000.

Italian wins 14th stage of Tour de France

GUZET-NEIGE, France (AP) — Massimo Ghirotto of Italy won the 14th stage of Tour de France's Philippe Bouvattier and Britain's Robert Millar took a wrong turn while leading the race less than 300 metres (yards) from the finish.

"There was a policeman gesturing and I thought he was gesturing to us," Bouvattier said about the incident.

Near the end of the stage, cars following the riders are diverted by signs and policemen to allow the cyclists to continue on to the finish line alone.

Bouvattier and Millar were ahead of Ghirotto up the final hill of the 163-kilometre (101-mile) leg from Blagnac to Guzet-Neige. They had broken away from the pack early and held about a 10-minute margin throughout the last 80 kilometres (50 miles).

Approaching the finish, Bouvattier and Millar became confused and followed a policeman's signal and some arrows straight on instead of making a left turn.

"The riders should know the

course, but there was a problem with the signs," Millar said.

Ghirotto made the correct turn and went into the lead and won. His time was four hours, 30 minutes, 34 seconds.

Millar realised his mistake first and came back out to finish two seconds behind. Bouvattier came back to end up third, 13 seconds back of the Italian.

Longo holds lead

Jeannie Longo of France held the lead in the women's Tour de France cycling race Sunday, although the sixth stage was won by another Frenchwoman, Cecile Oudin.

Oudin broke away from the pack with two Soviet riders, Svetlana Rojkova and Valentina Evpake, early in the 92-kilometre (57-mile) stage from Blagnac to St. Giron in the French Pyrenees.

Under a bright sun, Oudin gradually moved away from the other two and won by two minutes, nine seconds over Rojkova.

Egypt, Iraq tie, reach semifinals

By Jamal Halaby
The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Defending champion Iraq held a powerful Egyptian team to a 0-0 draw Sunday as both teams advanced to the semifinal round of the Arab Cup Soccer Championship.

The draw eliminated any chance for Lebanon, which tied Tunisia 1-1 earlier in the day. Egypt and Iraq both narrowly missed several scoring chances. The closest came when Egyptian striker Taher Abu Zaid drove a long kick off the Iraqi goal frame midway through the first half.

Egypt will play Syria and Jordan will meet Iraq in Tuesday's semifinal games, setting up the championship game on Thursday. Egypt ran through the four first-round games without allowing a goal. But it managed only four of its own — three in a rout of Lebanon Friday.

It is playing in its first Arab cup since the 1979 peace treaty with Israel isolated it from other Arab countries.

A crowd of about 25,000 packed the King Hussein Sport City stadium for the game, many waving Egyptian flags or portraits of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Several thousand people, at least some waving tickets, were shut out of the stadium when police closed the doors.

Egypt, leading division one with five points entering the night, was ensured of a semifinal berth when Tunisia tied Lebanon, which wound up with four points.

Defender Tawfiq Al Muhababi struck first for Tunisia with 46 minutes gone in the first half. He

replayed a corner kick and slammed it past the Lebanese goalkeeper, whose view appeared to be screened by other players. Lebanon replied early in the second half on another corner kick — this one bouncing off Mahmoud Hamoud's chest into the left edge of the goal.

Jordan clinched a berth in Tuesday's semifinal matches with a 2-0 upset of Syria, which had not lost a match in almost a year. Jubilant fans paraded through the streets of Amman in horn-blowing processions.

Both Iraq and Egypt got off to slow starts in the tournament.

After drawing 0-0 with Lebanon and 1-1 with Tunisia, the desperate Iraqis called back veteran coach Amu Baba, who commanded Friday's 2-0 victory over Saudi Arabia. Star striker Ahmed Radhi accounted for both goals.

Egypt ground out a 0-0 draw with the Saudis and notched a 1-0 victory over Tunisia before breaking loose on Friday to thrash Lebanon 3-0. All of its goals came from members of the powerful Ahli team.

That game was a major setback for a surprising Lebanon squad, which had beaten Saudi Arabia 1-0 and drew with Iraq.

Kuwait and Bahrain closed out play Saturday with a 1-1 draw.

AC Milan to play Bayern Munich at Wembley

LONDON (R) — Italian champions AC Milan, including three members of The Netherlands' European Championship-winning team, will meet Bayern Munich of West Germany on the opening day of a four-club international tournament at London's Wembley stadium next month.

English first division rivals Arsenal and Tottenham will open the two-day tournament Saturday, August 13.

The tournament was put in doubt last month when the English Football Association (F.A.) objected to it because of fears of crowd disorder.

Moses, Florence Griffith make U.S. Olympic team

INDIANAPOLIS (R) — World-record holder Edwin Moses made his fourth U.S. Olympic team by equalling the seventh fastest 400 metres hurdles time ever, 47.37 seconds, at the U.S. Olympic trials Sunday.

Florence Griffith Joyner continued her fantastic showing in the women's 100 metres by covering the distance in 10.61 seconds, second only to the world record she set Saturday, to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

Evelyn Ashford was second in 10.81 seconds. Earlier in the semifinals, Griffith Joyner had run 10.70 seconds, the third fastest of all time.

Mary Slaney won the other major event of the third day of the nine-day meeting that will decide the U.S. team for the Seoul games. The 1983 world champion who is making a comeback outran Vicki Huber to win the 3,000 metres final and a trip to Seoul with a time of eight minutes, 42.53 seconds.

Moses, the Olympic champion in 1976 and 1980, won by two metres over Andre Phillips in the fastest 400 metres hurdles time of the year.

Kevin Young completed the U.S. team in the event with a time of 47.72. David Patrick came fourth in 47.75 and Danny Harris, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist, was fifth in 47.76 seconds.

In both of Griffith Joyner's

years, the wind was under the allowable 2.0 metres per second, allowing no controversy as there was on Saturday when she set a world record of 10.49 seconds in a race that many thought was wind-aided.

On Saturday, the reading on the wind gauge at trackside was 0.0 metres per second although nearby flags were flapping in the breeze. Some statisticians said the reading was impossible, but the operators of the wind gauge said they tested the machine after the race and found no problems.

The records chairman of the (U.S.) athletics congress said Sunday he would submit Griffith Joyner's Saturday time as a new world record.

"At this time I have no reason not to," said Robert Hersh, who is also a member of technical committee of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

In other performances in the early portion of Sunday's programme, Carl Lewis leaped a wind-aided 8.25 metres to qualify for Monday's long jump final, and Steve Lewis broke the world junior record in the 400 metres with a time of 44.61 seconds. Four others ran under 45 seconds in the heat.

Steve Lewis's time, in a quarterfinal round, was four-hundredths of a second faster than the pending record of 44.65 seconds he has run twice this year.

Brown fells Vaca to retain IBF title

KINGSTON, Jamaica (R) — American Simon Brown knocked out Jorge Vaca of Mexico at two minutes and five seconds of the third round to retain his International Boxing Federation (IBF) welterweight title Saturday.

The Jamaican-born Brown knocked down Vaca four times during the fight at Jamaica's open-air national stadium.

"It was a good right hand-left hook (combination) that completed the job," Brown, 24, said afterward.

The bout was action-packed from the first round, with both men attacking, but Brown was clearly the stronger fighter.

The champion knocked Vaca down for the first time in the first round with a strong right and continued to punish him right until the referee called for a standing eight-count.

In the second round, Vaca landed a few glancing rights but Brown continued to attack with

combinations, sending the Mexican to the mat two more times. "Vaca is a very good fighter, a very tough fighter. I knocked him down three, for times in the same round and he still gets back up... he has guts," Brown said.

In the third round, Brown continued to land combinations to the head and dropped the Mexican for the fourth and last time.

It was the second straight defeat for the rugged, 27-year-old Vaca, who briefly held the World Boxing Association's (WBA) welterweight title last year.

Far from talking about retirement, Vaca said after the bout he would try to move up to the next weight division.

"I am stronger at a heavier weight. I lose something when I have to lose pounds to make welterweight," he said in his dressing room afterward.

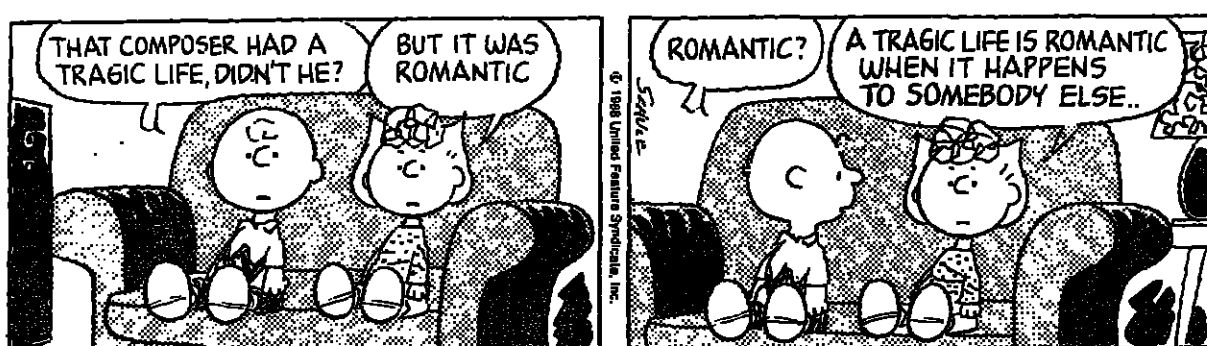
Brown said his next fight would probably be against Bobby Joe Young of the United States.

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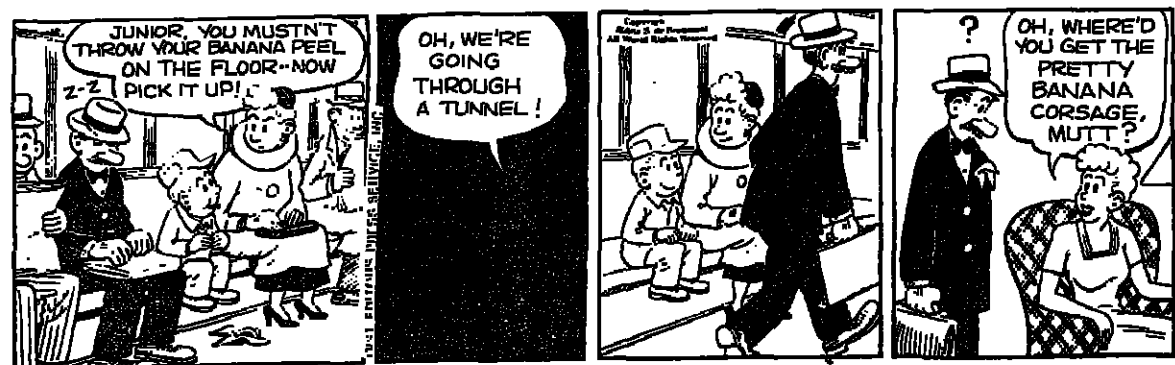


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Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen, right, and Democratic hopeful Michael Dukakis and their wives

Squabbling Democrats search for party unity

ATLANTA (Agencies) — The Democrats open a four-day presidential convention Monday with leading contender Michael Dukakis hoping to stop the bickering with rival Jesse Jackson and unite the party to fight the Republicans in the run up to November's elections.

As thousands of delegates arrived in this sweltering southern capital, the talk was not of the set nomination of Dukakis but an urgent need for a peace-making summit between him and the disgruntled Jackson.

After their aides talked throughout the night, a spokesman for Dukakis announced the two men met early Monday to try to resolve their differences.

The cool, low-key Massachusetts governor and the flamboyant black leader were at odds over Dukakis' choice of Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen as his vice presidential running mate and his failure to notify Jackson before word of his decision leaked out.

The indications were they would patch things up and join forces for the campaign against prospective Republican nominee, Vice-President George Bush.

"We're going to come out of the convention with a united party, an inspired party, a party that is ready to go to work and win in November," Dukakis told cheering Democrats at a gala after he and Bentsen flew into Atlanta Sunday night.

"We're going to need Jesse and we're going to need all of the delegates who are at this convention," Dukakis, the 54-year-old son of wealthy Greek immigrants, was assured of nomination in the for-

mal convention balloting Wednesday because of primary election victories that gave him 2,247 of the 4,162 delegate votes.

But Jackson, a mesmerizing orator and political organizer, was a force to be reckoned with, having run second with 1,123 delegates and established himself as a hero to black voters. Blacks have made up about 20 per cent of the Democratic vote in recent presidential elections.

It was uncertain, however, if Jackson, who has demanded that blacks must be included at the top decision-making levels of Democratic politics, would challenge Bentsen for the vice presidential nomination to be decided in voting Thursday.

Jackson does not have the delegate support to win such a challenge but he could embarrass Dukakis by mounting it.

The odds appeared to be shifting against that option as the two made their peace overtures.

"We're not talking about leaving the convention," Jackson said Sunday. "The notion that if we debate (leadership issues) we'll self-destruct is nonsense. Debate and deliberation stir the soul of a democracy."

"This is not a coronation, it's a convention," Jackson has indicated in general terms that he wants a major leadership role both in Dukakis' campaign and in a Dukakis administration.

Dukakis signalled he was willing to meet one demand, telling one interviewer he would provide Jackson with a campaign plane and other help he might need to tour the country for the Democrats this autumn.

The two sides face another potential clash Tuesday when the convention votes on campaign issues.

Dukakis forces were expected to defeat Jackson camp proposals to endorse tax increases on the rich, a freeze on defence spending, a Palestinian homeland and other issues.

Meanwhile, Senator Bentsen set out to win over those Democrats who would have preferred Jackson for the number two spot on the ticket. Bentsen, from Texas, is making the rounds among state delegations to press his case.

Kinnock held at gunpoint in Zimbabwe

MUTARE, Zimbabwe (R) — British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock's visit to southern Africa hit a sour note Sunday and he complained about being "threatened with guns" by a Zimbabwean soldier.

The incident was the result of a protocol gaffe that had an official welcoming party for Kinnock waiting at one airport while he arrived at another 35 kilometres away.

When Kinnock, his wife, Glens, three aides and 12 journalists flew into Mutare airport from Chimio after a day in the war zones of central Mozambique, nobody was there to greet them.

After a half-hour wait on the tarmac it was too dark to fly on and nervous soldiers guarding the airport, less than 10 kilometres from the border, herded the party unceremoniously into the tiny terminal building.

Penned inside a small room



Neil Kinnock

with soldiers patrolling outside, the Labour Party leader at first joked about forming an escape committee.

But when a touchy lance-corporal with an AK-47 swore at Kinnock, he swore back and threatened to complain to Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe.

The party was not released until the official Zimbabwean welcoming party, including British High Commissioner Ramsay Melhuish, finally turned up.

12 killed in ethnic riots in S. Pakistan

KARACHI (R) — Twelve people died in ethnic riots in southern Pakistan Sunday, doctors said Monday.

Troops with shoot-on-sight orders imposed a curfew in Hyderabad, where 11 people died.

The riots between ethnic Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants from India began after unknown gunmen killed a municipal councillor and wounded the mayor, Aftab Ahmad Sheikh.

President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq described the attack as a dastardly act in a statement after a cabinet meeting in Islamabad.

Political commentators had speculated the cabinet would fix a date for general elections due by August 27, but no date was announced after the meeting.

In Karachi, rioters killed a policeman and wounded two others.

Firemen said 23 shops were looted and set on fire and 20

vehicles, two petrol stations and three banks were ransacked and damaged in Hyderabad before the arrival of troops.

The riots have spread to other nearby cities, police said.

Curfew restrictions in Hyderabad would continue until further notice, a government statement said Sunday night, adding "complete calm prevails in the city and other parts of the district."

The rioting between ethnic Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants from India later spread to at least three nearby towns and parts of Karachi, residents said.

Rioters fired gunshots in Karachi's Liaquatabad area killing the policeman.

There was no immediate information about casualties in the towns of Kotri, near Hyderabad, Nawabshah and Mirpurkhas where violence erupted after members of the two communities heard about the Hyderabad clashes.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

NASA tries to fix Discovery leak

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — U.S. space agency engineers worked Sunday to find a way to fix a tiny, hard-to-reach space shuttle leak that could delay the first post-Challenger flight by up to two months. Discovery is being prepared for the first shuttle mission since Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff Jan. 28, 1986, killing the crew of seven. The length of the delay will depend on whether the leak can be repaired on the launch pad or if Discovery has to be rolled back to a hangar for the work. The big problem was the leak's location, in a tank deep within a compartment housing steering engine equipment. There appeared to be no way to reach that area without taking off the seven-metre compartment, an extremely complex operation never before done on the launch pad.

Polish chaplains visit Katyn

WARSAW (AP) — Television viewers were given a rare look at Poland's most painful wartime reminder Sunday with the airing of part of a memorial funeral service for Polish officers massacred in Katyn, a forest near the Soviet city of Smolensk. The report by Poland television showed a group of Polish army chaplains laying a wreath at a monument to the murdered soldiers in the presence of a Soviet army honour guard and clergy of the Russian Orthodox Church. The report failed to mention who was responsible for the murder saying only that Katyn was "the site of a crime committed on Polish officers" and that "a search for the truth is under way."

U.S. soldiers hurt in Honduras attack

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Four U.S. soldiers are listed in stable condition after unidentified gunmen threw bombs and opened fire on them as they were leaving a discotheque in the northern city of San Pedro Sula, a U.S. embassy spokesman said. All four were hospitalized, spokesman Charles Barkley said in a telephone interview. The embassy refused to give their identities Sunday until next of kin were notified. The soldiers were on leave, dressed in civilian clothes and carried no weapons when the attack occurred shortly before 1 a.m. (0700 GMT) Sunday, Barkley said. He said the identity of the attackers was unknown.

Tornadoes strike U.S. midwest

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) — Damage from a string of tornadoes that struck as many as 10,000 homes and uprooted thousands of trees was estimated at \$25 million as national guardsmen kept watch Sunday against looting. At least 94 people suffered injuries, mostly minor. Some residents complained of little or no warning of the twisters. More than 100 families were forced from homes that were destroyed or sustained structural damage Friday when a thunderstorm packing 148 kilometres per hour winds and as many as four tornadoes slammed into Council Bluffs and Omaha, Nebraska, across the Missouri River. "People are traumatised," said Mayor Tom Hanafan. "Roughly 24 hours later the reality starts to set in."

Thousands demand Italian plant closure

MASSA, Italy (R) — Several thousand people marched to a chemical plant to demand its immediate closure Sunday night after a tank explosion and fire there sent a cloud of dark, acrid smoke over neighbouring towns.

About 20 people were admitted to hospital complaining of headaches, vomiting and sore throats after the huge explosion which sent hundreds of people fleeing from their homes.

Health officials said later the situation at the Farnoplast site at

Massa on the Tuscan coast was under control but advised residents to take precautions such as washing frequently until tests had fully determined the exact nature of the cloud.

Local firemen and civil protection ministry officials in Rome said the substance involved — some 50,000 litres of cyclohexanone used to make insecticides — was not toxic and there was no danger to the population.

"There is no general risk but there may be some individual

risks in the next few days for those who were exposed to the cloud," said local Health Authority President Giovanni Perfetti, adding that plants and water in and around the Farnoplast premises were being analysed.

A Farnoplast spokesman said early tests had shown there was only a minimal toxic content and it posed no serious risk.

Sunday night's protest march outside the plant followed spontaneous demonstrations by dozens of people earlier in the day outside the plant, whose closure was favoured by 80 per cent of local people in a referendum late last year.

It was not clear what caused the blast at the plant which is owned by a subsidiary of Italian chemicals giant Montedison.

Hart turns newspaperman

ATLANTA (R) — Former Senator Gary Hart, who blamed media nosiness for wrecking his chances of becoming the Democratic presidential nominee, has turned up at the party's convention — as a newspaperman. The former frontrunner in the primary campaign, whose candidacy was shattered last March when the press exposed his relationship with model Donna Rice, is writing a convention column for the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain. Gene Amole, a writer for the chain's newspaper in Hart's hometown of Denver, Colorado, said that when offered the job Hart responded: "Does this mean I can go look through somebody else's bedroom window?"

Fight causes unplanned stop

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama (AP) — An Atlanta-bound Eastern Airlines jetliner made an unscheduled stop to remove a passenger for hitting a flight attendant over the correct change for a drink, authorities said. No injuries were reported. The passenger was not arrested. "We are not identifying him since he has not been charged," said Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) spokesman Tom Moore. "An investigation is continuing." Moore said the man was travelling with his mother, who is a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. The man's mother left the flight voluntarily in Huntsville, as did another man who was not identified.

Tourist uncovers hashish haul

MARINA DI GROSSETO, Italy (R) — A tourist lying on a beach at this western Italian resort discovered 500 kilograms of hashish buried in the sand, police said Sunday. They said the unnamed holidaymaker saw a well-sealed package poking out of the sand about 30 metres from the sea and, fearing a bomb, immediately called the police who dug down and found dozens of similar bundles of the drug.

Storybook wedding for Gretzky

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The storybook wedding of hockey superstar Wayne Gretzky and Hollywood starlet Janet Jones lived up to its advance billing, thrilling hundreds of guests and thousands of cheering onlookers. Gretzky, Canada's hockey hero, looked relieved and his bride radiant as they appeared on the steps of Saint Joseph's Basilica after their marriage late Saturday afternoon. Then they kissed, bringing cheers and wolf whistles from a crowd of about 4,000 people who lined the streets and staked out positions on balconies surrounding the Edmonton church. The wedding had been variously billed as the city's social event of the year and Canada's version of a royal wedding.

Exotic items for sale

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Want to buy a used Italian piazza, 20,000 teapots or 150,000 plants and shrubs? If you need any or all of the above objects they will all be on sale to the public when the Expo 88 world fair closes October 30th. The sale of fixtures and fittings is expected to raise around \$85 million, said a spokesman for Expo 88. Other exotic items for sale include a complete Japanese restaurant and around 40 pavilions of various shapes and sizes.

GOREN BRIDGE

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠105 ♣93 ♠76 ♣KQ62
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
preemptive
What action do you take?
A.—Why do anything? You have the worst possible holding in spades and fair defensive strength. You have no reason to think that a save at five hearts would be cheap and there is the distinct possibility, with your defensive values that the opponents might not be able to make four spades. Pass.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠11052 ♣9654 ♠KQ3 ♣5
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
preemptive
What action do you take?
A.—Even though you might have a sure trump trick, the opponents are still heavy favorites to make four spades. On the other hand, not only is it unlikely that five hearts doubled will prove expensive, it might even make. Bid five hearts.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠843 ♣K72 ♠QJ82 ♣7
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
preemptive
What action do you take?
A.—While it's a near certainty that four spades will make, you can't be sure that a sacrifice of five hearts will be any cheaper. Besides, there's the danger of pushing the opponents into a slam that you might not be able to defeat. Pass.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠72 ♣AQJ872 ♠KQ3 ♣3
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
Pass 1 NT Pass
What do you bid now?
A.—Despite your distributional values, you have a minimum opening bid. Therefore, you are not looking for a possible game but rather for the safest spot. Your length and strength in hearts should point you in the right direction. Bid two hearts.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K9 ♣KQJ762 ♠AQ62 ♣7
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
Pass 1 NT Pass
What do you bid now?
A.—This time your hand is much stronger, so game cannot be ruled out. It is a close choice between a jump to three hearts and a simple two diamond rebid. Because of the quality of the suits, the expert choice would be two diamonds.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K952 ♣A72 ♠6 ♣KQ952
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
Pass 1 NT Pass
What do you bid now?
A.—Obviously, you must choose between one spade and a raise to two hearts. The trouble with one spade is that, should partner now rebid one no trump or two clubs, you will feel guilty about not having raised hearts and your hand is not good enough for a third bid. The solution is to bid two hearts now.

THE Daily Crossword by Peter Swift

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Sharp-tasting	11 1955 James Dean film
2 Tell everything	12 Make eyes
3 Max, laborer	13 —do-well
4 Out of the wind	14 Satiates
5 Look angrily	15 Singer Pat's
6 1943 Bogart film	16 Endless time
7 — of Wright	17 Chatter
8 Small bird	18 Vagrant
9 Enroll	19 "Butterfield 8" author
10 Slugger Mel	20 Family film
11 Snapshot	21 Chatter
12 Musical instruments	22 Vagrant
13 Golf club	23 Final
14 Land	24 Burrower
15 Rean a.g.	25 Location
16 Yemenite	26 1832 Garbo film
17 Actress Deborah	27 Adjutant: abbr.
18 1984 Peggy Ashcroft film	28 Actress
19 Tenani worry	29 Take for — (decade)
20 Impoverished	30 Salvers
21 Top up	31 Ten percent
22 Play parts	32 Joint
23 Robbery	33 Nightmares
24 Gr. letter	34 Free (of)
25 Group of notes	
26 Vegetables	
27 A Hayworth	
28 1949 de Havilland film	
29 Pub orders	
30 Contributor	
31 Final	
32 Burrower	
33 Location	
34 Native metals	

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

NAME CHAR RINA
RAVEL ANDA RINA
ADAS DEERLASS
NEWY CIO RINAS
NODAN SAFE
ASSTON THRESHED
BORTA THOPS RISE
OLAE ARA AIDA
BAR SAUPEATED
TREASURE ADORRE
GIRL WISE
GULE PAY RITE
ANGLEDOR WINTER
STYR BLAKE UNDER
POTS DICE SUSINS

43 Sword 50 A Guthrie
44 Eradicate 51 Equipment
45 Western resort 52 Being: Lat.
46 lake 53 Concordes
47 Stuff 54 One feast:
48 Hawaiian city abbr.
49 Coin 56 — pollut

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: It's certainly a day of mixed blessings. Don't get upset easily, but do go along with the conventional attitudes of those around you. Harmony will soon ring true for you.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Remain poised throughout the day. Follow through with plans you've made. Try to retire early and rest up for the days ahead.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get into recreations which have proven satisfactory in the past. Don't permit some anxiety to upset you. Avoid irate co-workers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Carry through with deals you are feeling sure of. Don't mix in if your mate and a friend quarrel. Your creative ability is not at its peak.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make sure you do not lose your temper. Get your correspondence handled intelligently and wisely. The evening is fine for enjoying friends' company.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Try to save some money instead of spending. Avoid a new contact who could be troublesome. Don't sign any important papers now.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) It's best to stick to proven friends and

not to get mixed up with strangers. Show that you are sensible and of good character.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If you are diplomatic and tactful, you

can hurdle an obstacle very nicely and avoid big trouble. Listen carefully to your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A precise friend has some excellent ideas for making progress. Be with a new contact tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study the advice given to you by a bigwig for your advancement. Don't permit a friend to limit you in any way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use modern methods which are acceptable during the daytime. Listen to the ideas of one who thinks differently from you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study the promises you have made and handle them early in the day. Later friends could prove annoying.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Arrive at an agreement with an associate. You can improve your position during the daytime. Have fun with your mate tonight.

If Your Child Is Born Today

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SUROE

MEFAD

GOCHUR

KOYDEN

Answer: "O O O O O" THE "O O O O O"

Yesterday's Jumbles: HENCE SNACK EMBARK COWARD

Answer: "When did you first notice that week back?"

"A WEEK BACK"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

You're fired!

Who can?

THE BAKER LEFT HIS JOB BECAUSE HE DIDN'T THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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